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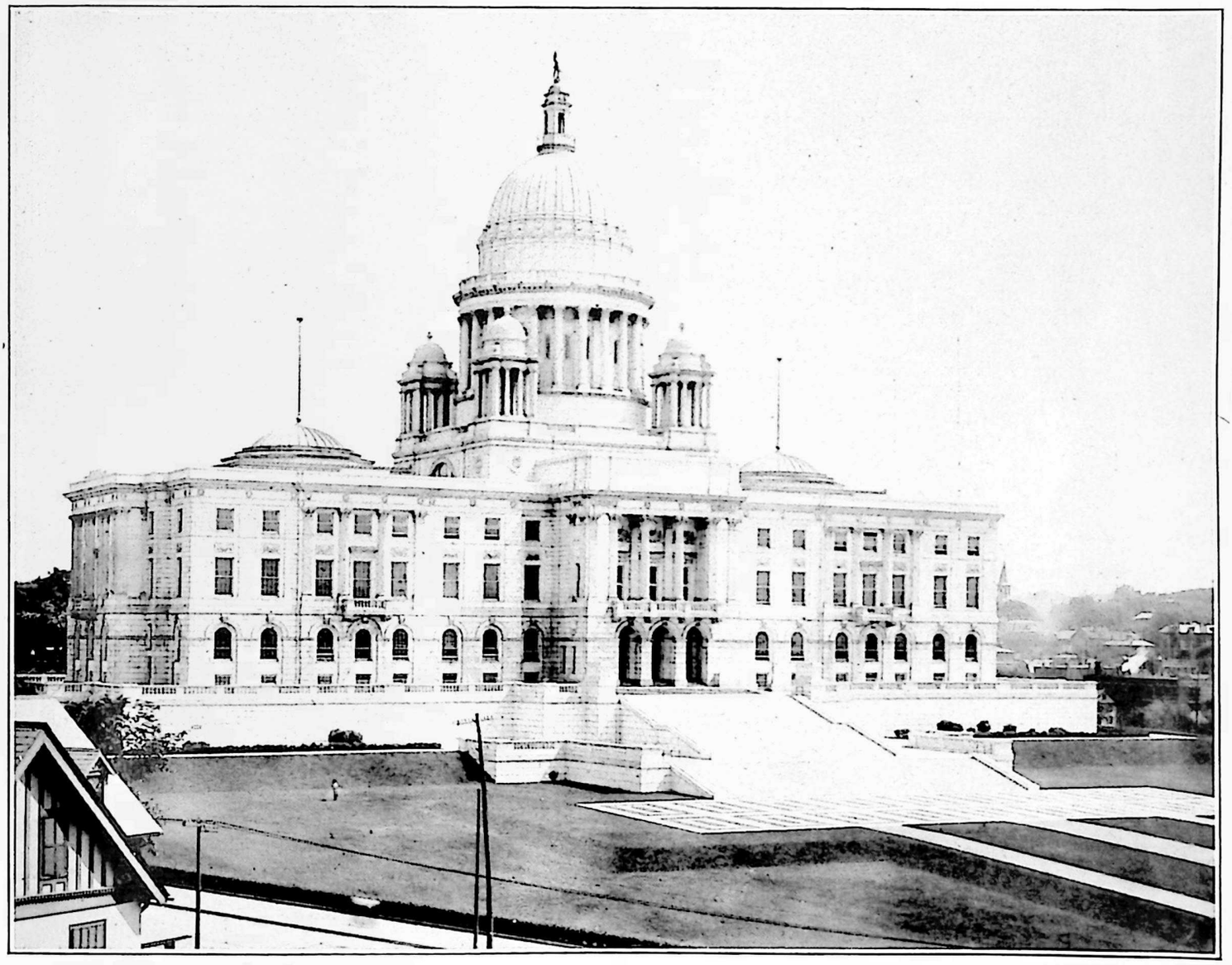

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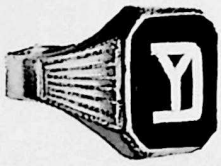

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OFFICIAL CALL FOR NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

To All Active Members and Life Members of the YD Veterans Association:

In accordance with Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, which provides that notice of each Annual Convention shall be published in the issue of YANKEE DOINGS next preceding date of said Convention; *notice is hereby given that:*

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association will be held in the city of Providence, R. I., on May 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1938.

The Convention will be called to order at 2:00 P.M., E.D.S.T., on Thursday, May 19, in the Grand Ball Room of the Biltmore Hotel in the above mentioned city, at which time due consideration will be given to all business which may rightfully come before the legislative body of the Association.

Each and every active member whose dues for the current year shall have been received up to the opening of the Convention session shall be entitled to a voice from the floor, and to one vote on any question, if in attendance.

In accordance with a requirement of the Constitution, proposed amendments to said Constitution which are to be placed before the body for its action, are published in this issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

— A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE,
National President.

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National Secretary.

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PROVIDENCE – "THE CITY BEAUTIFUL" WELCOMES YOU ALL TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE Y.D.V.A.

By the time you have received this copy of YANKEE DOINGS every member of the Y.D.V.A. will have received a bulletin outlining the convention program in brief. Now we will try and give you a little more detailed information. After you have read the program as it now stands, believe me, fellas, if you don't attend this convention you certainly will have missed the biggest and best YD convention to-date. And I don't mean maybe.

First of all let me again impress upon you early registrations. If you haven't yet taken care of that bit of detail, *get busy now.* Remember after May 1st, it will cost you an extra fifty cents, or $2.50 to register. If you need accommodations, please make it known on the back of your registration blank and we will do everything to get what you desire. We *do not* guarantee to get you anything but will try.

Once again, if any chapters wish to establish a headquarters room, we have a few nice sample rooms, without beds, and large enough for the gang to congregate in. The prices range from $6.00 to $15.00 per day.

Boy, oh Boy! Are the reunions going over big this year? We have more regimental and company reunions scheduled for Saturday evening from 6.00 P. M. to 9.00 P. M., than we have ever had before.

Now for the program as it stands ready for you fellows to enjoy every minute of it:

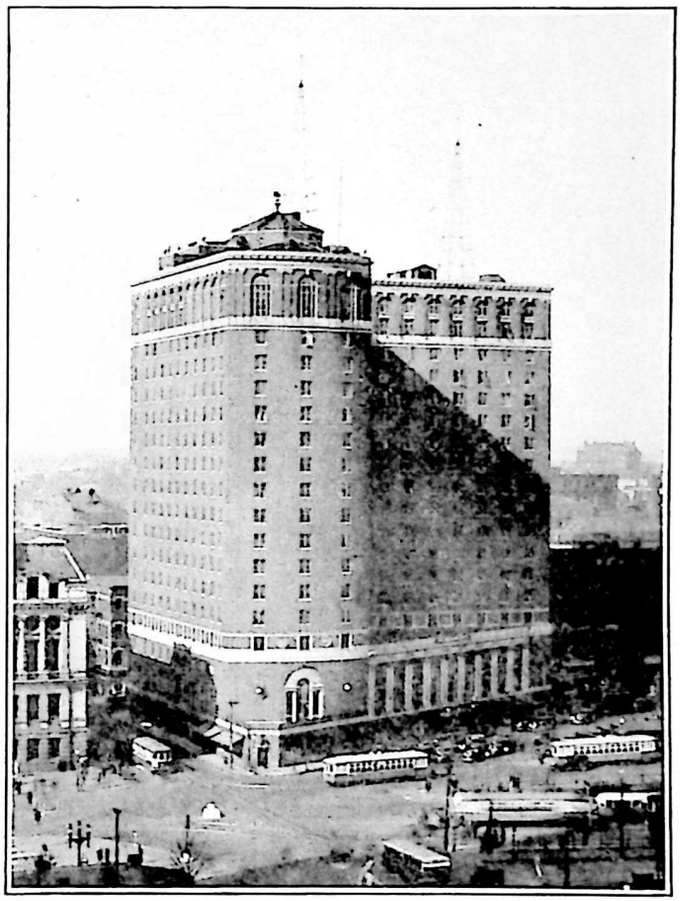
Thursday May 19th

8.00 A.M. Registration of members and guests.

2.00 P.M. Convention officially opens with a session in the Grand Ball Room of the Biltmore Hotel. All the dignitaries of State and the invited guests will render their little pieces and we will then be ready to proceed. Committee appointments, etc.

6.00 P.M. Time out for chow and refreshments, liquid and otherwise.

8.00 P.M. Horribles parade. Right here is where the fun begins. Get into this parade as an individual, pair up, have a team or organization and try for one of the prizes being offered. A total of $400. is being offered and has been set aside to assure payment. We want such a swell parade that the old YD will jam down town Providence with people, eager to participate further in our festivities. Let's show the citizens of Providence what a real convention is like.



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10.00 P.M. Air show. This will be even better than we have in previous years. No less than thirty (30) planes, pursuit, cruiser and bombing types will be on hand to give us a bang up demonstration. We have about twenty (20) searchlights in four or five searchlight companies which will flash their beacons into the sky in a thrilling exhibition. There will be one or two of the U. S. Navy ships on hand to lend their hand from the waters of Providence Harbor. We have been assured these ships will be the largest that can be safely navigated up the bay.

PROVIDENCE FROM THE AIR

MAY WE SERVE YOU ?
The Shock Troops Of The Bacchante Brigade

Friday May 20th

8.30 A.M. Convening of the business session for the transaction of all business of the Y.D.V.A.

12.00 Noon Chow and maybe a "snort" (or two or three).

2.00 P.M. If session has been ended and no further need for an afternoon powwow there will be Golf — Sightseeing Tours — and gab fests in the various salons of the hotels. Points of interest on the sight-seeing tours will be such outstanding places as the State House; Brown University; R. I. School of Design; Providence College; Gorham Mfg. Co., silversmiths; Brown & Sharpe Mfg., Co., precision tool manufacturers; Narragansett Brewing Co.; James Hanley Brewing Co.; a trip down the shore and other spots.

6.00 P.M. Once again time to grab a bite and wet your whistle, if you haven't already had too much.

9.00 P.M. Grand Military Ball at the Cranston St. Armory. This is a beautiful armory and will amply take care of our needs. A twenty-piece ball room orchestra under the direction of Earl Shean, one of New England's outstanding orchestra leaders will furnish the music. This orchestra plays weekly over the blue network of the National Broadcasting Co. All the latest songs, including the popular swing tunes will be heard. Come on up and enjoy an evening of toe tickling syncopation and let's see whether or not you can still take it.

Saturday May 21st

The morning will be devoted to getting over those hang-overs of the

night before. Continuation of sight-seeing tours for those who want them. Getting rested in preparation for our street parade in the afternoon.

1.00 P.M. The street parade scheduled for this hour will form on adjoining streets between Dexter St. and Hoyle Sq. with the head of the parade resting on Dexter St. It will proceed down Cranston St. to the center of the city where it will be reviewed at the City Hall. This will be one of the most colorful parades we have had to-date and certainly will do credit to our organization. The citizens of Providence will be proud of the fact that they again, had the opportunity to be hosts to the famous 26th Division Veterans Association.

Already better than forty bands, corps, etc., have signified their intentions of taking part. The parade will not be too long but will cover the principle down-town streets of the city.

There will not be a Drum Corps competition, due to the exceptionally long and large parade we have arranged. It will probably take from three to four hours for this parade to pass by one given point. Consequently all the bands, Senior Corps, Jr. Corps, Aux. Corps, etc., that participate in the parade will have to be on their toes through out the line of march. Judges will be scattered over the route and will judge each band, corps, etc., for the usual things. $1500. in prizes have been set aside for the best outfits in the various classes. This should be a swell inducement for you to bring along that crack band or corps and try for a share of this prize money. Who knows, you may be able to bring home the bacon.

6.00 to 9.00 P.M. Company — Regimental — and what have you, reunions, banquets and get-togethers. Already we have more of these reunions on the griddle than have ever been held before at a YDVA national convention. The 102nd Infantry; The 101st Engineers, Co. "D"; The 104th Ambulance Co.; The 103rd Field Artillery, Bat. "A"; The 103rd Machine Gun Bn., Co. "A"; The 102nd Field Artillery, to mention just a few, who are perfecting plans for a swell reunion.

10.00 P.M. The All-Star Show at the Metropolitan Theatre. It is early yet to give you the exact details of just what All-Star acts will appear. But rest assured that the talent will be furnished by the leading booking office of the country. Each act will be a headliner in itself. The show will last about three (3) hours. This show is something that you all will talk about after it's over. Don't miss it. More definite information will be sent each chapter and will be published in the May issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

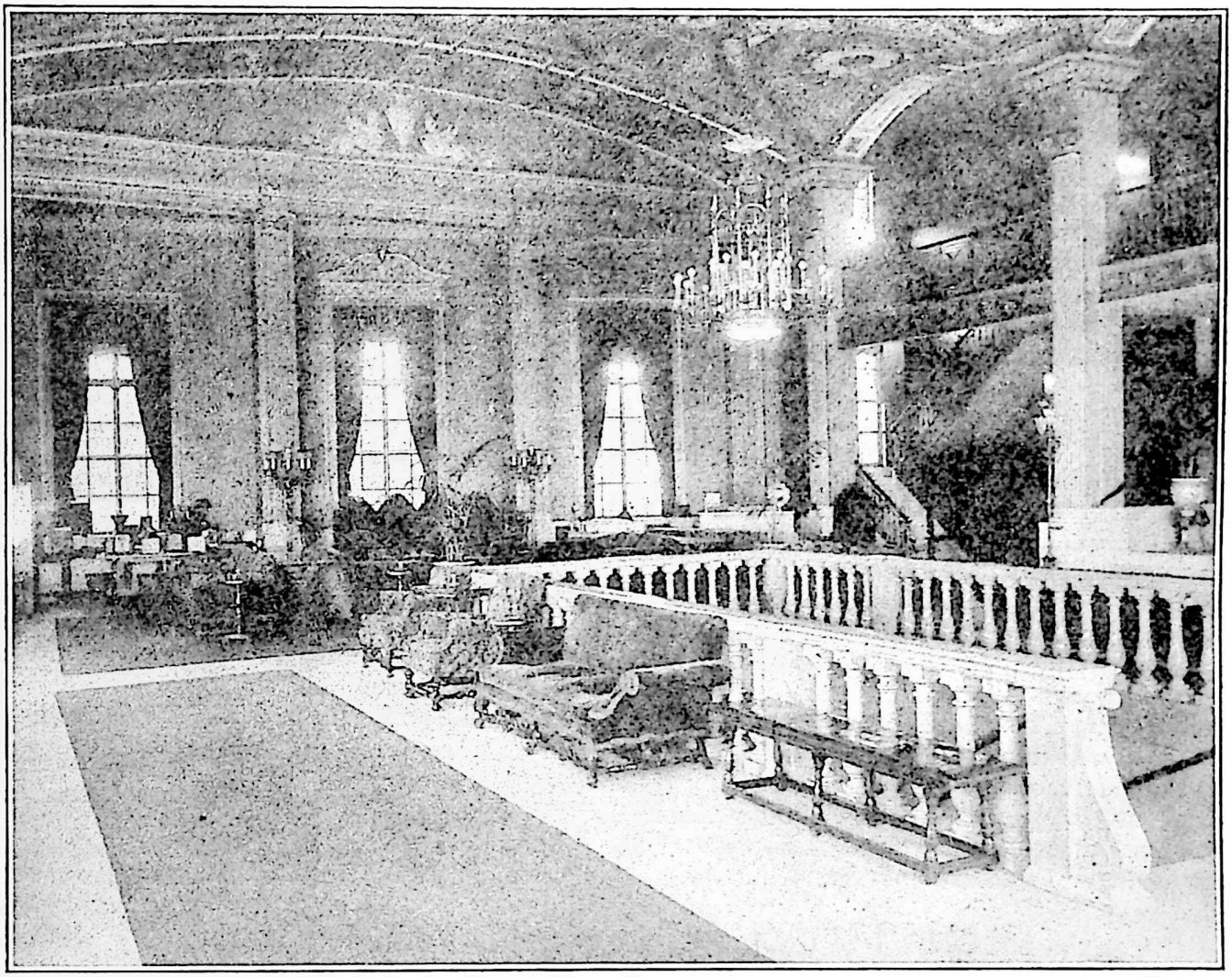
Sunday May 22nd

Nothing has been planned for the morning. This will allow you your freedom to do anything you want. Churches are close at hand for all denominations and you will be welcome to attend I'm sure. If rest is what you want, stay in bed and sleep off that groggy feeling.

2.00 P.M. The final affair of the convention is scheduled in the form of a dedication to General "Daddy" Edwards. A bronze plaque will be placed in the Hall of Flags of the State House to honor, with dignity befitting our esteem for our grand "Old Man." We hope you all will remain for this dedication and pay tribute to the best Commander and pal we could ever have had, Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS.

In closing just let me remind you very forcefully that you should get your registrations in early. By the time you receive this notice, time will be short to register for $2.00. So hurry — hurry — hurry. There will be several surprises for you at this convention. Anything might and can happen in Providence, so you better make plans to attend.

Here's hoping that we have a good registration for the convention because the boys who have been working night and day for the past



THE LOBBY OF THE BILTMORE — PEACE TIME VIEW

few months, giving unstintingly of their time and money to make this the biggest and best convention ever held by the YDVA, deserve your co-operation and support by coming to this affair and enjoying it to the fullest extent. If you do that, we will be satisfied.

— Howard W. Hunt,
Executive Secretary.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION, TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION FOR ITS ACTION

In accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution of the YD Veterans Association, the following announcement is hereby made a part of the official call for the Nineteenth Annual Convention, to be held in Providence, R. I., on May 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1938.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution will be presented to the legislative body for its action.

Proposed Amendment No. 1.

For the purpose of making the National Sergeant-at-Arms an officer to be appointed by the National President (or National Commander), rather than an officer elected by the Annual National Convention. Sponsored by the National Executive Committee.

Proposed: That the words "a National Sergeant-at-Arms" shall be deleted from Section 1 of Article XI of the present Constitution; and further proposed: that a sentence be added to Section 1 of Article XI, to read, "The National President (or National Commander) shall ap-

point a National Sergeant-at-Arms for the duration of his own term of office unless sooner removed by him." (N. B. The choice of the word "President" or "Commander" in this amendment, if adopted, shall depend on whether or not Proposed Amendment No. 2 shall be adopted.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2.

For the purpose of changing the titles of National President and National Vice Presidents to National Commander and National Vice Commanders respectively; changing the titles of Department Presidents and Department Vice Presidents to Department Commanders and Department Vice Commanders respectively; changing the title of Chapter Presidents and Chapter Vice Presidents to Chapter Commanders and Chapter Vice Commanders respectively. Sponsored by the Department of Massachusetts.

Proposed: That in all instances in the present Constitution where the word President appears, the word Commander shall be substituted therefor; and that in all cases where the word Vice-President appears, the word Vice-Commander be substituted therefor, with the single exception of any reference made to Past National Presidents, in which case or cases, the amendment shall make such section read "Past National Presidents or Past National Commanders."

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3.

For the purpose of enlarging the scope of active membership eligibility in the YD Veterans Association, by including men who served in the 26th Division, U. S. Army, but who did not serve therein overseas. Sponsored by Worcester Chapter.

Proposed: That Section 2 of Article VII of the present Constitution shall be amended by the deletion of the words "in foreign service" in lines 5 and 6 of said section; and further by the addition of the following sentence to Section 2 of Article VII: "The application for active membership in the Association of any man whose service in the Yankee Division did not include overseas service, shall be approved by the National Executive Committee before such membership shall be granted."

In accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution, any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be declared adopted.

— A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE,
National President.

PHILIP N. SANBORN,
National Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS

The National Nominating Committee will meet at National Headquarters in the YD Memorial Clubhouse in Boston, on Sunday afternoon, April 17, for the purpose of making nominations for the National offices to be filled at the Nineteenth Annual Convention in Providence, R. I., on May 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be made in the May issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

The Nominating Committee consists of the following members:

Dep't. of Maine: J. FRED SHAW, (Lewiston Chapter).

Dep't. of N. H.: Dr. FORREST J. DRURY, (Manchester Chapter).

Dep't. of Vt.: JOHN H. STRONG, (Bellows Falls Chapter).

Dep't. of Mass.: JOHN T. SULLIVAN, (Lynn Chapter).

Dep't. of R. I.: WILLIAM J. LALLY, (Providence Chapter).

Dep't. of Conn.: ALBERT W. HERMAN, (Norwalk Chapter), Chairman of Committee.

Dep't. of U. S.: JOSEPH C. MCGLONE (New York Chapter).

The above is quite "official" in tone. But DOINGS is pretty well able to tell in this issue who some of the nominees will be. This is not said in the expectation of causing any embarrassment to the Nominating Committee, which has full and free power to make an uninfluenced nomination for any and every office. But the Constitution also provides that each Department may recommend its choice for National Vice President of the Department to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is not *obliged* to follow such choice, but the chances are 100 to 1 that they will.

Two Departments have already officially named their choice. The choice of the Department of New Hampshire is EUGENE DUGAS, President of Manchester Chapter. (See account of New Hampshire state meeting.) However, since that meeting, DUGAS has withdrawn for personal reasons in favor of LES HORTON of Triangle Chapter. The choice of the Department of Massachusetts is EDWIN J. "Ted" NOYES, of Worcester Chapter, Department Secretary.

Rumors of the choice of two other Departments have reached YANKEE DOINGS, but we have no record of the official vote taken. It is said that HOWARD W. HUNT of Providence Chapter is the choice of Rhode Island to succeed himself; and that Connecticut's choice is RAYMOND B. KINCAID of Bristol Chapter. Understand, none of these names is yet an official nomination, as only the Nominating Committee can take such action.

The "Number One" position — that of National President — is very probable to result this year in a contest. Here again, DOINGS cannot state definitely that it *will*, as the nominations have not yet been made. There are however, two announced candidates, and we'll give their names in alphabetical order: CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, President of the Department of Massachusetts (member of Worcester Chapter); and EDGAR F. MILLER, Past President and organizer of Hartford Conn. Chapter.

In order for a man to be a candidate for office if not nominated by the Nominating Committee, it is necessary for him to submit his candidacy, signed by twenty active members of the Association, at least seven days before the opening of the Convention.

If — as is probable — there is to be a contest for National President, every man will want to vote. In order to have a vote, dues must be paid for the current year which commenced on April 1.

THE GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS TROPHY FOR CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

For the third successive year Past National President LEN MALONEY has announced that he will award the General Clarence R. Edwards Trophy for Civic Achievement to the Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. which has, in the past year, contributed most in their community to increasing the prestige of the Y.D.V.A. by their participation in the civic welfare of the community. P.N.P. MALONEY will be sole judge of the award.

Every Chapter is urgently invited to write a record of their achievements in their cities or towns during the past year, and send the same to Maj. LEONARD J. MALONEY, 233 Greenwich Ave., New Haven, Conn., that he may reach a fair and just decision.

Such activities as co-operation with units of public health and social service agencies, hospitalization work, the erection of public memorials, etc., all come under the head of civic achievement.

One chapter, New Haven, has already entered its claim, on the strength of erecting a monument to the late Corporal TIMOTHY AHEARN, as recorded in a recent issue of DOINGS. Let LEN hear from others, quickly.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

National President RAY DOUCETTE has announced that he will present a trophy at the Providence Convention, to the Chapter which was in existence at the time of the Portland Convention, and whose membership at the opening of the Providence Convention shows the greatest increase in percentage of membership over its strength at the opening of the Portland Convention.

The field is wide open for any one else, or any Chapter, to offer prizes in the field of membership. For example: to the largest new Chapter formed during the year; to the individual man who secured the largest number of new memberships, etc., etc. Or, if anyone wishes, to the Chapter which oversubscribed to the greatest degree its quota in the past winter's re-financing drive. In the latter case, it should be stated whether individual donations are to be included in the Chapter's quota. The matter of what individual secured the most new members is one which is always open to argument, as it is hard to prove just who "got" a member — whether some man that talked him almost into it, or the man who actually got his dues from him. Also, there is an almost insuperable tendency to "throw" credits to a man out in the lead. DOINGS would not recommend a trophy for this particular achievement, as the winner is too hard to pick.

The more prizes offered, the more interest at the Convention. Come on Chapters, what do you say?

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

It is a virtual impossibility to give a table of membership standing by Chapters at this time of year. Even while it was being tabulated, an influx of dues would change it all around. So, we'll have to confine ourself to generalities.

On the day this is being written (April 4), membership standing as a whole is considerably below April 4, 1937. There are approximately 800 paid-up members of the Association to-day. But by the time you are reading this — 16 or 17 days hence — there are likely to be twice that many. It's impossible to predict. One delivery of mail, containing the renewals of 50 members or so from each of two or three different chapters, changes the entire complexion of things.

The main point is this. Last year, the Association reached a membership of 3000 the day the Portland Convention opened. The Convention this year is a month earlier. We got off to a poorer pre-paid start on April 1 — less than 600 instead of over 800; and we have a month's less time to catch up. It is going to be one so-and-so of a job to reach the 3000 figure this year by the time the Providence Convention opens on May 19. And it's up to you. In paying, it is preferable to pay through your chapter officers; but even if you send the $2.00 to National Hq., your membership card will be sent to your Chapter secretary, and if you owe any local dues, they will have to be paid before he issues the card to you. Of course, if your chapter doesn't assess any local dues, or if there is no Chapter in your locality, it is O. K. to send your dues direct to National Hq. But send 'em; and send 'em quick. We can't show a decrease in membership at Providence; we must have at least last year's 3000.

Another point or two. Don't get worried if your membership card doesn't show up the next day. Your Secretary, during the months of April and May is a sorely driven slave. He has only one assistant and only has him evenings. Putting through members is one ! ! ! of a job; oftentimes new stencils to make, three separate card index files to check, cash to balance out, etc., etc. We'll do our everlasting best, but it may be a week or even two weeks before we can catch up if the tidal wave becomes too big (and we hope it does!). Toward the last end, it may become necessary to send out unnumbered temporary cards but these will be recognized at the Convention sessions, and the permanent, numbered card will be sent later.

As to distribution of membership which has come to date: Boston has jumped into an early lead, with New York, New Haven, Hartford, Lynn, Worcester, Willimantic following along — not necessarily in that order. Not forgetting Terryville, Conn. which renewed its whole 20 members early in March.

So let's have 'em.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MARCH 26

The National Executive Committee of the Y.D.V.A. held a meeting in the YD Memorial Clubhouse on March 26. Many of the topics discussed and voted upon are told of elsewhere in this issue. Among some of the others were:

Members were present from two states, Maine and Massachusetts, Pres. J. Fred Shaw of the Department of Maine, and Pres. Norman Thomas of Lewiston Chapter putting in an appearance from Lewiston. Wtih them was Joe Cychol, a member of that Chapter.

The Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to audit the books of the Association and prepare an annual auditor's report. The Chair appointed Albert M. Pacifici of Boston Chapter, Austin F. Appleby of Boston Chapter, Michael Garofano of Lynn Chapter.

Emile Thibault, Past President of Salem Chapter hurdled the wire for a gold YD ring for securing 25 new members.

A charter was granted to Beverly Chapter, Beverly, Mass.

Much time was given to the discussion to trophies, certificates of merit, etc., for the Providence Convention, which are reported in separate articles.

The purchase of gold Past National Presidents' medals was authorized for P.N.P.s Col. William J. Keville, Gen. John H. Sherburne, and A. Raymond Doucette.

Much of the matter contained in the reports of Departments will be found in the Department news of this issue.

PRIZE AWARDED TO STUDENT FOR WINNING POSTER DESIGN FOR YD CONVENTION

John W. Parker, student at the Rhode Island School of Design has been awarded $25.00 for his first-prize winning design for the poster to be used as the cover of the Souvenir Program of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the YD Veterans Association.

VICTORY!

The Y.D.V.A. feels pretty proud of itself. April 1 has come and gone; and the new year has started without a cent owing to anybody — *even ourselves!* By that is meant that every penny of pre-paid dues received before April 1 was intact in the bank on that day — not a cent touched — and not a cent owed.

But even that isn't all! Enough of a surplus remained to repay the $250.00 borrowed from the Life Membership Fund four or five years ago; and on March 26, the National Executive Committee voted to do that very thing. That almost seems like a record of some sort in days like these.

We can't give you the absolute exact figures until the books are audited by the auditing committee. (See account of Exec. Comm. meeting, March 26.) But we can make an awfully close shot at it. And here it is:

Unofficial Financial Statement As Of Close Of Business March 31, 1938

ASSETS:		
Cash on hand	$1338.82	
Cash advanced	4.92	
On deposit at P.O. for future 2nd Class mailing	7.61	
Bills receivable (Adv.)	25.50	
Pre-paid Expenses	214.22	
		$1591.07
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:		
BILLS PAYABLE		
Salaries through Mar. 31	$38.67	
Trav. expenses, Nat. Pres.	15.00	
	$53.67	
RESERVE FOR PRE-PAID MEMBERSHIP	$1210.00	
RESERVE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP	250.00	
	$1513.67	
NET WORTH	77.40	
		$1591.07

To evaluate this achievement, we ask readers to consider that on the close of business, March 31, 1937, one year ago, there was a total deficit of $2208.88. This has been completely wiped out, and although the net worth is only a few dollars, it is on the right side of the books. Last year the Association had used all of its prepaid dues, ($1690.00); this year it hasn't used any; last year $638.49 was owed on March 31 to outside creditors, this year none is owed; last year $250.00 was owed to the Life Membership Fund — this year there is enough to pay it back.

The total amount received in the re-financing drive is still short of the $3000.00 goal, but the main objective has been carried: April 1 was reached "in the black." The total receipts in the drive total to-day $2771.33. Chapters from which contributions have been received since the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS are:

	Quota	Am't Rec'd.
Lynn, Mass.	$115.50	$46.00 additional making full quota
Salem, Mass.	28.50	29.00
Washington, D. C.	30.00	On acc't 10.75
Denver, Colo.	11.25	1.00
Valley Chapter Aux.	None	6.00

It must also be said that Boston Chapter's quota of $375.00 which had heretofore stood simply as a credit, was actually turned over by check on March 31.

Thanks a million, everybody. The task is half done. Now remains to *stay* in the black. To this we pledge ourselves with renewed sincerity. In this task one thing is essential: this year's membership must not fall off. If it does, we'll be sunk. If it holds up, we're all set for the entire year.

PASTE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR HAT

No, it isn't the telephone number of any one of the six young ladies whose charming pictures appear in this issue. We're not giving out those numbers: get 'em for yourself (if you can!)

It's just the phone number of YD Convention Hq., and you can call any day from 9:00 A. M. till 9:00 P. M. and be sure of an answer. The number is Plantations 2111.

AMERICANISM BULLETIN

With due apology to the Y.D.V.A.'s able Americanism Officer, HARRY W. BUGBEE of Highgate, Vt., YANKEE DOINGS finds it imperative this month to omit the publication of his usual monthly bulletin. So much space is given over to Convention publicity, and so much care must be taken to keep within reasonable limits as to cost, that the editor has taken sole authority to postpone publication of this bulletin until a later date.

ANNUAL MEETING YD CLUB OF BOSTON

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the YD Club of Boston was held in the Memorial Clubhouse on Thursday evening, March 31, 1938; with President JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN presiding and approximately 50 members present.

The report of the Treasurer, L. H. REDFIELD, showed a cash balance at the end of the fiscal year, on December 31, of over $1000.00 with all bills paid; and a "net worth," writing off all property and equipment at $1.00, of over $3000.00. This was down about $1900.00 from the figure at the close of 1936; an amount almost exactly equal to the loss in rent from the ground floor in 1937 as compared to 1936. The ground floor is now remunerative again. The running expenses of the Club had been cut between $100 and $200 for the year.

The Annual Report of the President, JOE GALLIGAN, was a paper meriting that often so poorly chosen word — a masterpiece. Hewing straight to the line of absolute truth, it needed none of those verbal devices and subterfuges the use of which gave rise to the aphorism that "Language was given to men that they might conceal their thoughts." No need to say "If times had been better, we would have a better report to make." No excuses, no apologies, no juggling of figures. Just a recital of facts, a valedictory of accomplishment which JOE and LEA REDFIELD and GUY WATTS and the other officers of the Board of Governors have achieved. All couched in a simplicity and cogency of style which made the delivery of nearly a half hour seem but a few minutes. Not an eye stirred from Joe's face, not a whisper broke the stillness, until the spontaneous volcano of enthusiasm which greeted his conclusion. It is one of YANKEE DOINGS' deepest regrets that it is compelled by force of circumstances to forego the satisfaction of reprinting that report word for word. Among the many sub-topics into which the report was divided were: Property, maintenance, membership, finance, activities, relations with other veteran organizations, welfare, co-operation with the YD Veterans Association. And through all ran, the underlying theme of a sense of responsibility that the Clubhouse should always be kept open, out of debt, a home for its members, a memorial to the Division's accomplishments and to its dead.

It was recorded how, three years ago, when Joe first became Treasurer, the Club was so badly in debt that there was considerable sentiment in favor of closing its doors; the struggles which have followed, and the success which has attended those struggles. It was told that the membership during the past year has exceeded any since 1931; that the property has been immeasurably improved both inside and out; that the most friendly relations have been established and maintained with the Y.D.V.A., that approximately one-third of the $2800.00 which the Association has raised was subscribed by Boston members, and that the Y.D.V.A. in turn has met its obligations to the Club to the letter. The Annual Military Ball and the Annual Memorial Services were summarized. In fact, in one brief half-hour, those fortunate enough to be present learned more about their own Club than they ever knew before.

Scant wonder that the first man to address the Chair, GEORGE NEWMAN, said: "I have heard reports made by deans of universities and by presidents of corporations; but never have I heard a report like this one. I cannot just sit here quietly and not get up on my feet and say that it is the finest report of achievement I have ever heard."

EDWARD J. "Knocko" MCCORMACK, Chairman, reported for the Nominating Committee. Instead of just reading off the list of nominations, "Knocko" explained how each had come to be selected. The report was unanimously accepted, and it was unanimously voted that the Secretary cast one ballot electing the officers nominated. The result of the election:

President, FRED T. WILSON (101st F. Sig. Bn.); 1st V.P., BENJAMIN JAMES (101st F.A.); 2nd V.P., EDWARD J. MCCORMACK (101st Inf.); 3rd V.P., JOHN F. COLLINS (Hq., 26th Div.); Treasurer, ALBERT M. PACIFICI (101st Inf.); Secretary, H. GUY WATTS (104th Inf.).

Directors for three years: GEORGE L. NEWMAN (101st Engrs.); EDWARD CONNORS (101st Inf.).

The remaining members of the Board, whose term does not expire this year, are: JAMES J. SLATER (101st San. Tr.), AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (104th Inf.), JOHN F. REGAN (104th Inf.), ENOCH LYMAN (101st Engrs.).

President-elect TED WILSON was escorted to the platform, offered his deepest thanks to the members for their trust in him, and pledged that, with their whole-hearted support, he would devote the very best that was in him to carry on the success of the Club. He called upon every man to help him, and promised a membership campaign which would go down in history if the membership would back him up with some real *work.* He praised the record of his predecessor, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the officers who had been selected as his juniors in the coming administration. Then, in one of his typical, lightning-swift changes of pace, he explained he would speak no longer as he understood JOE GALLIGAN had a date for 10:30.

A splendid meeting: a shame every member of the Club was not present to take pride in it.

THE YD BIG BROTHER CLUB OF WATERBURY, CONN.

There is no yard-stick to measure the potential capacity for good or evil in any one single human being. Nor any gauge to show by what single effort a life headed toward waste and futility may be turned toward fruitfulness and good citizenship. What a power the 70 chapters of the Y.D.V.A. could be in their communities for good citizenship. With how little trouble.

On the occasion of its approaching first birthday, the Big Brother Club of Waterbury, Conn. YD Chapter has been made the subject of a three column illustrated article in the Waterbury *Republican,* issue of Sunday, March 13.

In the hope that some other YD chapters will be inspired to inaugurate a similar movement, YANKEE DOINGS is quoting at length from this article. How easy for many of us to supply the gnawing hunger of underprivileged boyhood for information, patriotism, recreation and a good time that his people cannot afford to give him now and then. Let the YD from coast to coast take the lead.

Excerpts from the article mentioned follow:

Eight members of Waterbury Chapter, Y.D.V.A. agreed to befriend boys who had come to the notice of the court, often for misdemeanors that were slight in themselves. These men felt that with someone to take a proper interest in them, these boys could be saved from criminal careers. As is true of three-fourths of the cases of juvenile delinquency, lack of understanding at home or some problem involving the parents was usually the reason the youngsters slipped. In a more fortunate place in society he would have the benefit of advice and help from intelligent parents and friends who would see him through his difficulty. But in the case of the underprivileged boy these aids are often lacking. The judges and officers of the juvenile court do what they can to help but they cannot supply what the child lacks in good home surroundings.

The Big Brothers are organized to do what they can to supply this lack. They do not expect miracles and they are not so naive as to suppose that they will meet with no discouragements but after a year of effort, they have decided that the work is well worth continuing. During this year, they have had eight boys as steady charges and have helped about a dozen to get at least part time work.

The Big Brothers are all young men, the majority of whom have sons of their own. The fact that they are World War veterans appeals to the boys who look up to them for this reason. What each man does for "his boy" is best explained by the following pledge, compiled by the chairman of the group, FREDERICK W. ROWE:

"I, ... of my own free will and accord, having been duly advised of the responsibility which I shall now bear, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, that I will devote not less than two hours each week to the task assigned me, that I will not betray the confidence imposed in me, that by word and deed I will endeavor to set a good example for the young life placed in my charge and in all ways possible I will do the best I can to guide 'my boy' into the path of straight living and good citizenship, so help me God and keep me faithful."

The eight men who took this pledge last January and who have had boys in their charge ever since are, Mr. ROWE, JEREMIAH J. GRIFFIN, WILLIAM AYLWARD, JOSEPH J. CUNNINGHAM, HERMAN SCHAEFFER, DAVID BABSON, local Boy Scout director; WALTER L. BOLAN and HOWARD S. HICKCOX. New members added recently are WALTER ROBISON, Rev. George Reilly, curate of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and Rev. Roger B. T. Anderson, rector of Trinity church. The last two were invited by Mr. ROWE because

the past year's experience has taught the Big Brothers that the boys need spiritual advisors.

City Officials Cooperate

The boys are recommended to the Big Brothers by Miss Kathleen Crowley, juvenile probation officer, who cooperates with the group in their efforts as do Judge John F. McGrath and Judge Edward Mascolo. The probation officer and the judges confer with the Big Brothers, if they are requested to do so, about some particular boy, so that the man who is to help him may get some idea of his background and past performances.

The difficult task of the Big Brother is to gain the confidence of his boy. This is not easy. A boy who has become furtive because of trouble with his parents or the law is not going to make friends quickly. The procedure of the Big Brother is to see the child's parents first, then to interview the boy, preferably away from his home surroundings, and to try to find out what cock-eyed slant on life made him do the thing he did. He also tries to befriend the boy by taking him with him on various recreational jaunts, fishing, walking, or to the movies. The Big Brothers have found that their boys are much more interested in the movies than in any other form of recreation but they're working toward broader horizons in this respect. They take the boys to their own homes for supper frequently and let them play with their own children. They lend them books. They get them clothes if clothes are needed.

Frequently, the Big Brothers and the little brothers have suppers together. The Big Brothers sometimes talk about great characters of history who started out as poor boys. Sometimes, too, because the little brothers love it, they tell of their experiences in the World War. The little brothers tell of their experiences too and have a lot of fun. A banquet is being arranged for the big and little brothers for March 28, to celebrate the group's first birthday. Birthday cakes will be baked and contributed for the occasion by the Big Four, the crack cooking team of the Waterbury Girls club.

A MEMORIAL BRIDGE AND TRIANGLE IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. TO GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS

Taking notice of the fact of the desire of the Y.D.V.A., it was only natural that Springfield fall in line to pay tribute to its Divisional Commander.

When it was finally decided to unite the two easterly sections of Springfield by a bridge across the Watershops Pond and hard surface the so-called Cross Town Boulevard, it was the thought of the writer of this article to start a movement to have the bridge named after General Edwards. Because of the fact that the Memorial Golf Course fronts on the Boulevard, the latter being given the name of Roosevelt Avenue in memory of the late Theodore Roosevelt, a petition was drawn up stating the desire of the Springfield Chapter to ask the City Government to name the bridge after General Edwards and to also include the triangle just south of the bridge. The petition was signed by many state and city officials as well as many professional and business men and other citizens of Springfield, to say nothing of almost 1,000 veterans of the Y.D.V.A. and other veteran associations. The petition was first presented at the election of officers of the newly formed Dep't. of Mass. Y.D.V.A. and was carried to every State meeting for 15 months.

On August 27th, just 20 years to the month after General Edwards was assigned to the 26th Division, the petition was presented to the members of the City Council. On August 31st, 1937, the Council unanimously endorsed the petition of the Springfield Chapter to memorialize "Daddy" Edwards' name.

The action of the City Fathers was a great victory for the Chapter as there were two active groups that were determined to have the bridge named otherwise.

On January 26, 1938, His Honor Mayor Roger L. Putnam of Springfield assigned the following members of the City Government to work in cooperation with the Bridge Committee of the Springfield YD Chapter: Aldermen Howard S. Sanderson and Richard J. Callahan, Jr.; Councilmen Howard T. Jensen, J. Albert Greenaway, Clarence R. Brooks and Charles Field; the Chapter committee being Thomas Crokan, Thomas Dee, James Armeson, Malcolm Ross, Dennis Brunton, Robert L. Beach, Lt. Col. George A. Roberts, Roswell Patch, Henry

A. Roux and Father George S. L. O'Connor.

At the conclusion of the second meeting of the two committees, the following objectives were reached: First, to have a memorial plaque placed on the bridge; second, to erect a stone of Milford Pink Granite six feet high; the placing of a bronze plaque on this stone bearing the following inscription, "The General C. R. Edwards Bridge. Dedicated to the distinguished service of Maj. Gen. C. R. Edwards, D.S.M., M.A.M., and L.L.B.C.O., during the great World War and beloved Daddy of the 26th Division, A.E.F., made up of National Guard units of New England, the first American unit organized as a division in the United States and transported complete to France. Due to the inspiration the General gave his men, the Division became an outstanding unit of the American Forces." Under the divisional insignia are the words, "Awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm, made Commander of Legion of Honor by French Government and presented the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold by order of King of Belgium." On the base will appear the dates, "1860-1931 Peaceful may he rest in glory everlasting."

The triangle is raised from the curbing to the stone and flagpole to a height of about fifteen inches. The stone is banked by a hedge in semi-circle back of which are evergreens appropriately placed, while in front are flower beds. A walk leads up from the corners of the triangle and from the sides opposite the stone.

The dedication will take place on May 8th at 2 P. M. and will be preceeded by a parade at 1:30 to and across the bridge to the triangle. The parade will be formed on State Street in the vicinity of the new underpass and proceed along Roosevelt Avenue over the bridge to the triangle.

The guests of honor are: City — Mayor Roger L. Putnam, Alderman H. S. Sanderson, Alderman R. J. Callahan, Jr.; Councilman H. T. Jensen, Councilman C. R. Brooks, Councilman C. E. Fields, Councilman Troy T. Murray, Theodore Geisel, Park Superintendent; Francis "Mike" Collins, C. W. Phillps, Supt. Sts. and Eng. Dep't.; Henry Martens, former Mayor; Philip V. Erard, former Alderman.

Y.D.V.A. — National President A. Raymond Doucette, National Secretary Philip N. Sanborn, Past National President A. W. Herman, National Treasurer Lea Redfield, Past National President Leonard J. Maloney, President Mass. Dep't. Clyde O. Elliott, State Dep't. Secretary Edwin Noyes, Adj. Gen. Mass. Charles H. Cole, Lt. Col. S. A. Roberts.

National Guard 104th Infantry — Col. Alexander MacDonald, Lt. Col. John J. Higgins, Maj. John H. Nolan, Maj. Gen. William C. Hayes.

Others include — Dr. E. R. Best of Springfield College, B. A. Townsend of Springfield College, William F. Adams of the Springfield City Library.

Past National Chaplain Rev. George S. L. O'Connor will be the principal speaker.

All members of the Y.D.V.A. who can possibly do so are urged to attend this impressive ceremony to our beloved departed comrade and divisional commander General C. R. Edwards.

—Thomas F. Crokan,
Gen. Chairman.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

Names of distinguished soldiers of the wartime Yankee Division, as well as some of the engagements in which the division participated have been perpetuated in the new Mass. National Guard Camp at Bourne, by the naming of certain highways, drill fields and other works at the camp in their memory.

The highest distinction goes — as we all feel it should — to the late General Edwards, for whom the entire camp is named. Others honored include: Michael J. Perkins, one of the two Congressional Medal of Honor men of the Division (George Dilboy, the other, did not serve in a Massachusetts regiment); Father John B. DeValles of the 104th Infantry; Rev. Walter S. Danker; Rev. Lyman Rollins and Rev. William J. Farrell.

John Dunlap of Manchester, N. H. writes: "That gang in Portland keep pretty close tabs on YD'ers who get into town. If they are still wondering who the New Hampshire YD'er was with license plates 2278, let them know I will be seeing them at the Providence Convention.

A half page article in a recent issue of the Boston Sunday Post gives excerpts from Gilbert Seldes' "You Can't Print That." In a rather amazing interview with the late Field Marshal von Hindenberg, Mr. Seldes was told: "The

American Infantry in the Argonne won the war. I say this as a soldier, and soldiers will understand me best."

JOE GREENBERG of New York Chapter reports that on March 6, he visited WILLIAM BARKER, MORRIS BRANDWEN, and a third YD man whose name he failed to get, who, at that time were patients at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

FRANK E. CRAIG, member of Boston Chapter living in Oberlin, Ohio, writes, in part: "It is my belief that YANKEE DOINGS is worth $4.00 per year. We all spend more than this for less important things, and what do we get out of them compared to YANKEE DOINGS? DOINGS means a lot to us old vets, especially the ones who are away from New England."

JOE "Buck" CUNNINGHAM of Waterbury, Conn. reports that his old pal from A Company, 102nd Infantry, BILL TERZIEN, now a member of New York Chapter is ill at the Brooklyn, N. Y. Naval Hospital, where it was expected he will be a bed patient for some time. Bill lost his home in Jackson Heights and his job as cashier at the Mayflower Hotel, New York. If he reads this, YANKEE DOINGS would like him to know that the magazine will be sent to him so long as he is ill, if he will just drop us a line on a penny post card.

ARTHUR L. GAULIN, (H Co., 104th Inf.), has renewed his contract for the seventh consecutive season as "The Voice of Paragon" at Paragon Park, Nantasket Beach.

In General Orders No. 1 for 1938, of the War Department, issued on February 16, JOSEPH O'LAUGHLIN, formerly corporal, G Company, 101st Infantry, received the following citation for gallantry in action:

"In the Bois de Wavrille, France, on the morning of October 2, 1918, Corporal O'LAUGHLIN served as a member of a raiding party which executed a dangerous raid and successfully accomplished their mission by penetrating the enemy's lines, clearing the woods of snipers and enemy parties which had been causing serious casualties within our lines, and returning with 49 prisoners. Residence at enlistment, Worcester, Mass."

OUR APOLOGIES

Your National Secretary has done quite a bit of travelling around this year. Not as much as the President, and probably not as much as that prime globe-trotter CLYDE ELLIOTT; but quite a bit just the same, to installations, state meetings in three different states — (more than once to each of the three) organization of new chapters, dinners, banquets, dances, receptions, committee meetings, etc., etc.

Now he's got to beg off for the remainder of the time until after the Convention. It just can't be done. It's more important to tend to the work in the office, get the cards out to the members, compile the statistics upon which prizes are to be awarded, and the thousand and one office jobs which would take pages to enumerate.

So please excuse, fellas. We'll still be working in your behalf here at the desk. The work which nobody sees is just as important as that which keeps you out "in front."

SOLID GOLD YD RINGS

Announced shortly after the Portland Convention last summer, the offer still holds that any member who signs up 25 or more new members in the period between Conventions is entitled to a solid gold YD ring (illustrated in the advertisement of C. E. Bissett in this issue).

Up to date, only three rings have been awarded; one to JOE GREENBERG of New York Chapter; one to EMILE THIBAULT of Salem Chapter; one to WHIT WASHBURN of New York.

Several others are just barely under the 25 mark, according to the records which your Secretary has tried to keep.

Now here is the point. The Secretary is far from certain that his records are corret. He has tried his best to keep account of the credits claimed for new members, but it has been quite a job. When an application blank for a new member comes in with the sponsor's name plainly marked on the lower margin of the blank — that is simple enough. But how about — for instance — a sheet of paper with the names of say 20 renewals and four new members? Whose babies are they? Not necessarily the Secretary who wrote the letter — and yet maybe? Then again, how about a dozen or so new names on the application for an entirely new Chapter?

It would seem as if any man who is trying to reach the goal of obtaining a ring must have kept track of his own credits. So YANKEE DOINGS hereby urgently requests any man who believes he has the necessary 25 to send the list of names in that they may be checked over and see if anyone else is claiming them. Or if you have enough to be close, and believe you will yet make it — send in the names you already have signed up. It'll help out a lot fellows, if you will do this.

ANOTHER RECORD HOLDER

MICHAEL H. "Mike" FORD, member of Springfield, Mass. Chapter, and a resident of Franklin, Mass., tosses his hat in the ring as the record holder of being probably the only great-grandfather who served in the Yankee Division.

Mike has one daughter, two grand-daughters, one great grandson, and two great grand-daughters.

THIS NUMBER AND THE NEXT

In order to recall to every reader's mind the fact that Convention days are nearly here; a large proportion of this issue is given over to advance news and illustrations of the good time in store for us all in Providence. DON'T FORGET THE DATES: May 19, 20, 21 and 22.

As stated last month, the Y.D.V.A. is "out of the red." It was a big job getting it out, and every single chapter and every single man who helped is deserving of the most sincere thanks. There is even a harder job ahead. And that is to *keep* it out of the red. We don't want ever to go out asking for contributions again. There is only one way to stay on the right side of the ledger. That is not to spend any more than we have.

There is an old saying — we believe it is from Holy Scripture. "A man cannot serve two masters." YANKEE DOINGS has been striving to serve two masters: one, the readers who exhort the editors "not to cut down on YANKEE DOINGS"; and two, the treasury which says, we have just so much to spend, and YANKEE DOINGS can cost only just so much. From now on, we shall serve one master — a balanced treasury. We shall give just as much as we can of interest to any reader or group of readers. But Chapter news must be made commensurate with its importance. The news from any one chapter is primarily interesting to members of that chapter. A few others read it. It doesn't seem fair to give the activities of a chapter of 25 or 30 members — which will be read with interest probably only by those 25 or 30 members and perhaps a dozen more — space which could be given to articles of interest to the whole 4000 readers.

Convention news is national Y.D.V.A. news. It has not been stinted this month. Local news has not exactly been "stinted" either; but it has been condensed.

Due to the rush of work around April 1, with renewals of membership pouring in to the Secretary's desk, this number is about a week late. The May number will have to be about a week early if it is to reach the readers before Convention time. Therefore one will follow the other rather quickly. In consequence, the May number will probably be a small one. The June number will give a complete report of the Providence Convention.

WHAT DO READERS MOST WANT TO READ IN DOINGS?

An editor has to go along almost blindly unless readers let him know what they like and what they don't like about the magazine.

During the coming year, acting on a "pay-as-you-go" policy, the average size of YANKEE DOINGS will have to be about 32 pages. Perhaps occasionally 36 or even 40; but we can't exceed 32 pages very often. (And that is from four to eight times as big as any other Divisional monthly paper!)

Now you can get just so much into 32 pages and no more. Shall we lean heavily on articles of importance to the whole national organization, and condense on Chapter news; or shall we give each chapter full scope and cut down on other matter? Of course, each fellow likes to read news of his own chapter; but how much do you get out of the columns of the other chapters? We want to know?

A series of brief articles on how the Medal of Honor men and D.S.C. men of the Division won their decorations — written by eye witnesses — has been suggested. Does that appeal to you?

What is the best 32-pages worth we can give you? That's what we'd like to know.

THE WAY ONE OLD SOLDIER FEELS ABOUT IT

A few may find it hard to put the two or three bucks on the line for dues, but I am convinced that the vast majority could rake together two bucks for the sake of keeping the YD and its deserved prestige on top where it belongs.

The YD today has, in my opinion, the cream of New England in its membership, just as it had the "cream" back in the days of 1917-19. Never let it be said that a YD man has fallen down on his job. They were in the thick of the drive 20 years ago and came through with colors flying. Today we are in the thick of a membership drive which means as much to our YD today as it did then.

Dig a little harder if necessary for those dues, but you hard-boiled, hard-fighting, and hard-dying comrades pick up the step, and pour into

National Headquarters your own dues for 1938, and the dues of every YD man you can lay your hand on. Let's go. This is the big push and YD never fails.

— GARDINER H. HALL.

Willimantic, Conn.

CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS AT PROVIDENCE

There are still large rooms available — without beds — at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, for Chapter Headquarters during the Convention.

There is nothing any Chapter can do which will add more to the enjoyment of its members than to secure one of these rooms, stick a sign up, and let fellows from your home town know where you are. For prices, see article entitled "Providence Welcomes You."

UNIFORMS

There is yet time to appear at the Providence Convention in a YD uniform. Five of the seven Departments have already adopted the official uniform — each with a different "second color," i.e. the color of the stripe around the cuff and up and down the trouser leg. The colors are: Connecticut, maroon; Massachusetts, dark blue; New Hampshire, gold; Vermont, green. Connecticut and Rhode Island have adopted the overseas hat; Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont have retained the YD beret. The price of the uniform minus headgear, but including all ornaments and the Sam Browne belt is $28.25.

Write to Wender & Goldstein, 387 Fourth Ave., New York City, for the name of agent in your vicinity. Another uniform maker having the specifications and material is R. W. Robertson, 62 Summer St., Boston.

CHAPTER COLORS

Every Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. should have a set of colors. They may be as expensive or inexpensive as the Chapter wishes. The official colors for all Chapters is a replica of the French tri-color, blue, white and red (red next the staff), with the white segment diamond shape rather than rectangular, the diamond reaching from top edge to bottom edge, and in width approximately the ratio of three to four. In this diamond the YD monogram appears in dark blue edged with gold. The name of the chapter in gold lettering across the entire top, the name of the city in gold lettering across the bottom. The entire flag surrounded with gold fringe.

Several Chapters, Boston, Portland, Me. and three or four others, have such a set of colors. They are, unfortunately, rather expensive, costing about $75.00 without the staff.

But many of the smaller chapters have adopted a plain blue field with either a white or gold large YD monogram in the center, and the name of the chapter in lettering above.

At any rate, appear in Providence with your colors. It adds immensely to the morale of a Convention.

MASSACHUSETTS MEETING ENDORSES CLYDE ELLIOTT FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Y.D.V.A.

At Worcester, on April 3, the Department voted endorsement of Dep't. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT for National President, Y.D.V.A.

HARTFORD PUMPS FOR 1939 CONVENTION AND ED MILLER FOR NAT. PRESIDENT

On Monday evening April 4, Hartford Chapter went on record:

1. To invite the 1939 Annual National Convention of the YD Veterans Association to Hartford.

2. To reach a membership of 400 before the Providence Convention in order to go to Providence with a big vote for EDGAR F. MILLER for National President.

CERTIFICATES OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE Y.D.V.A.

Each year, at Convention time, the YD Veterans Association presents a number of Certificates of Meritorious Service to those — who may or may not be Yankee Division men — who have contributed greatly during the year to the success of the Association.

The selections are exceedingly difficult to make. If anything, error has been made on the side of too great generosity. It is the feeling of the present Executive Committee that one of these certificates should be a high honor and distinction, difficult of obtaining. Service to a single chapter unless in a manner by which the entire Association benefits should not be sufficient in the opinion of the Executive Committee.

The selections will be made early in May. In order to assist the Executive Committee, every Chapter is urged to submit the name of any man or men (or women either, for that matter), whom they consider worthy of this honor. In doing so, please stipulate just what he or she has done in the interest of the YD Veterans Association. Such letters must be received by May 1.

YD POST 290, A. L.

The regular meeting of the Post was held the evening of March 14th with Commander JOHN COLLINS presiding. Chaplain MORRISON offered the Legion prayer.

The reports of the various officers were accepted as read. The membership committee reported a total of 195 members to date with application for membership received weekly.

Comrade LACASSE reported that MARTIN FLYNN was convalescing at the Soldiers Home. WHALEN reported that RAY DOUCETTE, president of the Y.D.V.A., was recovering from the recent automobile accident that befell him.

Adjutant GUY WATTS read an invitation for the Post to march in the Evacuation Day parade. Comrade WESTLING, manager of the Sons of the Legion, stated that the unit would march if the weather was clement.

Commander COLLINS announced that entertainment would terminate each meeting as formerly, and the speaker for April would be a member of the Dep't. of Federal Investigation from Washington. The meeting in May will have for its speaker ROYAL K. HAYES, Past Chaplain of the Y.D.V.A.

The meeting adjourned in order that Mr. Frederick L. Mahoney, the guest speaker of the evening, could deliver his illustrated lecture on "Travel Through South America." For more than an hour the members were entertained with excellent motion pictures of this trip below the equator and an air flight across the Andes.

On the evening of March 7th the installation of the Sons of the Legion of YD Post took place. A hall filled to overflowing witnessed this colorful and impressive ceremony. The Sons of the Legion of Clinton Post, Worcester County, under the leadership of Past-Com. Shaughnessy of Clinton Post acted as installing officer in what, to many, was the most impressive and colorful ritual yet seen at the YD Club.

P. C. TED WILSON of YD Post, in his inimitable way, acted as chairman and introduced the guest speakers, James McManus, Commander of Suffolk County, JOHN MCGUIRE, candidate for State Commander of the Legion, ED "Knocko" MCCORMACK, President of 101st Inf. V. A., Dr. Faas and P. C. GEO. NOURSE of the Harding Post, A. L., and the representatives of 18 different Posts in the State.

At the conclusion of the meeting the boys from the Clinton Post gave an exhibition drill, music and dancing was then enjoyed by all until mid-night.

YD'S OLDEST

Editor of Yankee Doings:

I have just read your paragraph on the oldest man in the Y.D.V.A. on page ten in this swell March issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

Captain RICHARD PETERS, Division Headquarters, is the man referred to. He is still alive, and his address is the Knickerbocker Club, New York. He was seventy-one in 1918, and that would make him ninety-one now, not ninety-seven as the paragraph says.

He went overseas as Civilian Agent, to help pick out headquarters in Paris for Pershing, and as a reward for a good job well done Pershing permitted him to come as a Civilian Interpreter to the 26th Division. General EDWARDS was an old friend of his, and "Uncle Dick" asked for that assignment.

After he had been there for a while, General EDWARDS got him a commission as Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He served as Liaison Officer with four Division Headquarters with the neighboring divisions in all of our offenses, and a finer ambassador of good will we could never have found.

"Uncle Dick" won the Croix de Guerre twice, was promoted to Captain, and after the war received the Legion of Honor from the French government.

Sincerely yours,

— BEN PITMAN,
(Hq. 26th Div.)

Stamford, Conn.

P.S. I think your guess that he is the oldest living veteran of the A.E.F. is correct.

THIS WON'T COST MUCH AND IT WILL HELP LIKE THE DICKENS

Every city and town in the United States that boasts a YD Chapter should have it listed in the local telephone directory. It doesn't necessarily have to have quarters of its own. Just the phone number of the Chapter Secretary, or the member most likely to be at his home or place of business most of the time when the phone is likely to ring.

The listing should be under "YD" — either YD Chapter, or YD Club or YD Veterans Association, as you like.

Then when some of the roving souls happen to pass through town they won't have to pull away disappointed that they didn't know where or how to locate a YD man.

Don't read this and then proceed to forget about it. Do it.

ANYBODY KNOW WHERE THIS MAN IS?

"Mother" Brittain of 39 Arcadia Street, Revere, Mass. would like to contact LEWIS H. RIGDON, who served in the 101st Ammunition Train.

WELCOME, BROTHER SCRIBE

Fredrick A. Stokes Company announce the publication on March 10 of "The Wide Sleeve of Kwannon," by BRUCE LANCASTER (Batt. A, 101st F.A.), member of New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

BRUCE LANCASTER was born in Worcester, Mass. His studies at Harvard were interrupted by service on the Mexican border and in France with Battery "A", 101st F.A. Returning after the war he graduated from Harvard and spent eight years in business in Worcester.

In 1927 he became a Foreign Service Officer of the Department of State and soon was assigned to the American Consulate at Kobe, Japan and later was in charge of the consulate at Nagoya until his return to the U. S.

His knowledge of Japan and the Japanese and researches into the early history of the Dutch East India Company are reflected in "The Wide Sleeve of Kwannon."

Of the book Gertrude Atherton says: "Besides its interest as a unique piece of fiction it seems to me a valuable contribution to the literature of, or rather on, the Orient, Mr. LANCASTER has performed the feat of showing us mysterious Japan of the 17th Century through Dutch, not through American eyes . . . . Certainly Mr. LANCASTER's enormous research has borne good fruit. No one would question the authenticity of the book."

YD MAN SUCCESSFUL IN FIELD OF FICTION WRITING

BRASSIL FITZGERALD (A Co., 101st Inf.) who states that he has three degrees, that of private 1st Class from the 101st Infantry, the other two from the University of Arizona and Leland Stanford, is instructor in "The Fiction Workshop" a new course offered by the Massachusetts University Extension Service. He is son of the superintendent of schools of Cambridge, Mass., the author of fiction stories which have been published by *Collier's*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Liberty*, and the *American Magazine*. Stories of his have been reproduced in England, Australia and Scandinavian countries. He also writes under the name of Philip Burke, whose educational essays are well known to Catholic readers.

He has been a former associate professor of English at the University of Montana and contributing editor to *The Frontier*, ranked by critics as one of the most significant American magazines. Having journeyed from Maine to California, and lived in Greenwich Village, Mr. FITZGERALD has returned to Cambridge. The fiction group meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 at Harvard Hall, Harvard Yard.

RAY DOUCETTE STILL ALIVE AND WELL

We came too darn near losing the services of our National President, RAY DOUCETTE, for the balance of his year (perhaps for all time) on the night of March 9, when he, with four other members of Lynn Chapter, were in an automobile crash at Derry, N. H. The others were: RUDOLPH HEFTYE, EARL BAILEY, WALTER SMITH and GEORGE MERRILL the driver of the car.

At a bad turn on the road, they saw another car approaching from a side road and pulled to one side to let it pass. Thinking they were going ahead around the curve, the driver of the other car swerved to his left to pass behind them as they made the turn, crashing into them after they had made a full stop to wait.

RAY was the most shaken up of the five, suffering cuts in the head and a general shaking up, but was able to be back on the job in two or three days, despite the fact that according to newspaper reports, he was said to be "in a serious condition."

His condition was so "serious" that he continued on to Manchester even after the crash, and attended the installation of officers there. Afterwards he was taken to his home in Lynn (the others as well) by CLYDE ELLIOTT of Worcester, who reached his own home as day was breaking. Hats off to RAY for grit, and to CLYDE for real YD buddyism.

AN OVERCOAT MISSING

A comrade who attended the Annual Banquet of Lowell Chapter on March 3, wore home an overcoat that did not belong to him. DAN BRENNAN could not find his 1938 overcoat, but he found a much older one on the rack. Perhaps it was a mistake, but at this late date it has ceased to be a mistake.

— J. J. O.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Past National President and Mrs. GEORGE R. ELLIOTT (104th Inf.) of Worcester, on the birth of a daughter, Pauline, on March 8.

THE VETERANS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY OF RUTLAND

The purpose of the Veterans Hospital Chaplaincy of Rutland is the proper maintenance of a full-time resident chaplain at the U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital at Rutland, Mass.

Existing regulations and Veterans Administration appropriations fail to make adequate provision for the maintenance of a resident chaplain at Rutland, or at any of the hospitals operated for the benefit of veterans.

Solely because of the personal interest and self sacrifice of Chaplain Wallace Hayes, a regular chaplaincy service has been made possible at Rutland since 1928. He serves not only in a religious capacity, but as friend, counselor and confident of the sadly afflicted veteran patients in their trying hours of illness.

Thus an opportunity has been afforded for personal conference and encouragement, and of contacts with the homefolks of the patients. Creeds, sects and denominational differences disappear in the face of loving labor.

Patients are made to feel that they have a trusted friend in strange and very trying surroundings. Uncertainty and fear are changed to new hope and promise.

Financial assistance is imperatively needed to lighten the burden so patiently borne by Chaplain Hayes, which he can ill afford. Contributions may be sent to

Veterans Hospital Chaplaincy,
Rutland Heights, Mass.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO COLONEL FRANK M. HUME

This issue goes to press too early to report the Testimonial Banquet which is being tendered to Maine's "Grand Old Man," Col. Frank M. Hume, former Commanding Officer of the 103rd Infantry, at the Eastland Hotel in Portland, Maine, on Wednesday, April 6, by Harold T. Andrews Post, No. 17 of the American Legion.

The governors of Maine and New Hampshire will be present, and the representative of the governors of Massachusetts and Vermont. The speaker of the evening will be National Vice Commander of the American Legion, Phil Conley, Secretary of State of Virginia. General Cole will represent Gov. Hurley of Massachusetts.

A suitable and most desirable gift is being presented to the guest of honor.

All that we of the Y.D.V.A. can say is, "Good luck, Colonel, and God bless you. Those of us who can, will be there."

MONSTER SPORT NIGHT

On Friday evening, Mar. 25th, Co. B, 101st Inf., V.A. held its second annual Sports Night at the Irish American Hall in South Boston. Once again a packed house enjoyed several hours of boxing and vaudeville that was reminiscent of the shows of pre-war days at the Keith or Old Howard theatres.

The genial president of the 101st Inf. Ed "Knocko" McCormack, the impressario of the show, acted in many capacities, such as master of ceremonies, official greeter, narrator, referee and stage manager.

In thanking the large audience for their interest in the show which will make the Basket Fund (that is distributed each Thanksgiving and Christmas to the needy) a certainty, he said in passing, "Times and the customs of men may change but B Company goes on forever with the same old spirit that has made the Old Ninth and 101st Inf. of war days pleasant places in which to live. No everlasting "grumblers," no "cutthroats" no "file boners," just a bunch of square shooters who take the joys and discomforts of life here in "Southy" as they come and try to help their fellow man. One for all and all for one."

When the writer departed at midnight, talent from the Jefferson Club of Cambridge and many of the leading night clubs of Boston were beginning to do their "turn" in the ring or on the stage. The committee in charge of this "three in one" entertainment were: Ed "Knocko" McCormack, Geo. McDonald, Harry Ginsburg, Bill Galagher, John Kelly, Ed Malone and the members of B Co. and the regiment..

— Mike Mooney.

SONS OF THE Y.D.V.A. AND DAUGHTERS OF THE Y.D.V.A.

The Constitution establishing the two junior organizations of the YD Veterans Association: the Sons of the Y.D.V.A., and the Daughters of the Y.D.V.A., has been approved by the National Executive Committee.

Every Chapter of the Association has received a copy of this Constitution.

Bring it up at your meetings. Sound out the sentiment of your Chapter. Here is an opportunity to do real worthwhile work. A unit of the Sons or of the Daughters need not necessarily be just a good-time outfit. Much can be accomplished under proper guidance to instill into our youngsters what the good old U.S.A. means; why it is worth protecting and defending.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

FRED SHAW, President of the Department of Maine, together with NORMAN THOMAS, President of Lewiston Chapter and JOE CYCHOL of Lewiston Chapter (beg-pardon, Androscoggin Valley Chapter), attended the National Executive Committee meeting in Boston on March 26, and from them came the most complete report of how things are progressing in the Pine Tree State to reach YANKEE DOINGS for some time.

SHAW confidently predicted that groups could be organized in Gardiner and in Bangor if the National officers from Boston made a trip to Maine, covering stops in both localities — probably on two successive days. Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE promised to make this trip before his term of office expires; SHAW on his part agreed to arrange the meetings and have the prospective members on hand to hear "what it is all about."

As to the existing Chapters, V.P. SHAW said that Lewiston and Farmington are running along well; Skowhegan is getting under way again, but that the Chapter in Augusta wasn't functioning well at all. It was in this connection that he suggested the formation of a chapter in the nearby town of Gardiner, as many of the Gardiner men would much prefer a chapter in their own town, than belonging to one in Augusta.

He had little to report regarding Portland as he has concentrated more effort further "up state," where the great bulk of YD men in Maine live.

LEWISTON

"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"

NORMAN THOMAS, President of Androscoggin Valley Chapter, reporting in person to the Executive Committee meeting in Boston on March 26, gave an account of progress of which any chapter should be proud; yet not boastfully, but in a modest recital of facts.

The Chapter has quarters of its own; it has been successful in running events which have not only raised sufficient money to pay its full quota to the Y.D.V.A., but to put a tidy sum in the bank for its own use. It has helped members who have been out of work, and incidentally the Lewiston-Auburn industrial area has been about as badly hit as any that can be mentioned in the past six or eight months.

Membership renewals are starting to come in; and the Y.D.V.A. need have no fear of the permanency of this chapter.

PORTLAND

Our Lake View correspondent, ERNEST NEWMAN, reports that WALTER RAMSAY (F Co., 103rd Inf.) is an A&P store manager in Dover, N. H.; that THOMAS HUDSON (101st Tr. Mort. Batt.) is also an A&P manager in Dover-Foxcroft, Me.; PERCY DEWITTE will sell you some Shell gas if you will call at his station in the Square.

Thanks for the cover in the March DOINGS and also thanks for the story on the Memorial Clubhouse. We wish all the gang could read it.

"Old Man Trouble" just can't leave DICK MOXCEY alone. Soon after he got back to work he was stricken with appendicitis, and then a young son received a bad hurt. We hope his troubles will be at an end.

What with dues, conventions, the dinner for Col. HUME, we are hard put to decide where to spend the two bucks. Who is prior? When it can be only one of the three, it is hard to decide. If a person can't go to a convention there is no real reason why he should register, but the man who goes may be termed a piker or worse if he don't come across with the fee.

It may interest some to know that in a recent upheaval of the State police, Major HEALEY was appointed to the position of Chief. We are sure that the best wishes of all YD'ers are with him. He was a Major in the old 103rd and is the same in the present regiment of the same number.

FLETCHER LONG is losing his wind. He was seen carrying a wind mill the other night.

BERT WORTHEN's young son is a star member of the Sons of Legion Drill Team. They do some real trick drilling and do it well.

Many of our members are out of work and unable to get work of any kind. One man after working 18 years in one place was thrown out like a worn-out shoe. Several in the family and no job. A good worker and is willing to work.

Our Togus helper, PERCY WITHAM, says that one of the most popular men in Togus is WILLIAM GOFF (E Co., 103rd Inf.). Bill has been in the hospital there as night steward since 1921.

PERCY says that there are a lot of YD'ers there but try and get them interested in forming a chapter. I'll say this for PERCY, if he can't get them, no one else will.

We have not received anything about the Convention as yet. Don't forget us, some of us might be able to get up there.

— "MINNIE LA TOUR."

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

A meeting of the Department of New Hampshire was held in the Legion Rooms at Claremont, N. H., on Sunday, March 20; with Department President EARLE L. WILLIAMS of Nashua in the Chair.

In many ways it was a meeting worthy of more than passing notice. Five National officers were present: the President and the Secretary from points close to 115 miles away; CLYDE ELLIOTT, Mass. Dep't. President, from Worcester, nearly as far away; EARLE WILLIAMS from Nashua, about 75 miles distant; and ART SMITH from Springfield, Vt. Men were present from nine different chapters in three different states: Manchester, Nashua and Triangle Chapters of New Hampshire; Springfield, Bellows Falls and Rutland Chapters of Vermont; Boston, Lynn and Worcester Chapters of Massachusetts. Certainly New Hampshire was given the helping hand of fellowship in getting up steam as a state department.

Probably the most interesting — and certainly the most important piece of business transacted was the choice of a candidate to be recommended to the National Nominating Committee as New Hampshire's choice for its leader for the coming year. LES HORTON of Triangle Chapter and GENE DUGAS of Manchester Chapter were nominated. And then occurred an event which speaks well of the unselfishness and the character of men of the YD. HORTON made a speech in favor of his opponent, saying that DUGAS had had much longer experience than he, and would probably make the better man. In the balloting which followed, DUGAS was chosen by one vote, but has since withdrawn for personal reasons in favor of HORTON.

The Department adopted a resolution favoring the immediate erection of a U. S. Veterans Hospital in New Hampshire, a facility which the state sadly lacks at the present time.

LES HORTON of Lebanon introduced a clothing dealer from that town, who explained that he had taken the agency for Wender & Goldstein for YD uniforms and would come to Newport or Claremont to measure men for uniforms at any time.

Addresses were made by the national officers, and by the chapter presidents present, the latter including ARTHUR FOOTE of Rutland, Vt.; FRED STONE of Bellows Falls, Vt.; "Doc" FORREST DRURY of Manchester, N. H.; and ELIOT A. CARTER, representing the President of Nashua Chapter.

It was decided to attempt to hold the next state meeting at Keene; in an effort to awaken that corner of the state to the fact that New Hampshire is now on the march.

MANCHESTER

Regular meeting of Manchester Chapter held on March 9, at Odd Fellows' Hall. EARLE WILLIAMS, Nat'l. V.P., of Nashua, installed the following officers:

Pres., GENE DUGAS; Senior V.P., MARTIN HOLLERAN; Junior V.P., ARTHUR GILMORE; Treas., WILLIAM BROOKS; Sec., WALTER BOARDMAN; Chaplain, LEON TARBELL; Trustee for 3 years, JOHN TAYLOR; Sergt.-at-Arms, Dr. DRURY.

CLYDE ELLIOTT and EARL SAUNDERS came up from Worcester, Mass., and Nat'l. Pres. RAY DOUCETTE of Lynn, Mass., also WALTER SMITH and RUDOLPHE HEFTYE. The gentlemen from Lynn met with a slight accident coming through Derry, N. H., but reached here about 10:30 P. M.

MARTIN HALLORAN lost his wife last Sunday A. M. She leaves three small daughters. The meeting here tonight closed with a luncheon provided by the club and put on by LEON TARBELL, ARTHUR GILMORE and WALLY BOARDMAN.

The National President, National Secretary, and without doubt "Globe Trotter" CLYDE ELLIOTT of Worcester, are planning to visit Manchester on April 13. Pres. GENE DUGAS is straining every muscle to get every YD man in town out that night, whether he's a member — ever been a member or anything else. Get them together for a good, old-fashioned pow-wow — that's the idea.

— W. J. BOARDMAN,
Secretary.

NASHUA

The March 21 issue of the Nashua *Telegraph* contains a two-column article captioned "Twentieth Anniversay To-day of Battle of Soissons."

This is the first of a series of articles sponsored by the YD Chapter of Nashua, dealing with World War events of 20 years ago, in the interest of recalling to readers of to-day the stirring events of 1918, and incidentally of keeping the name of the YD in the public eye and publicize the Nashua Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

YANKEE DOINGS would like however, very respectfully and very politely, to disagree with some of the facts as detailed in this first article. In the first place, no "break-through" occurred anywhere near the Chemin des Dames in March, 1918; nor in April either for that matter. It was not until along toward the end of May that the German lines moved forward and Soissons fell for a second time into enemy hands. The drive which started on March 21 had for its objectives points further north — along the British front in front of Amiens.

To be sure, there was "hell-a'-popping" on that morning of March 21. But as we've always understood it since, and as we've read it in books, it was all a part of a general bombardment along practically the entire front line, to conceal just which point the break-through was to be attempted. And it wasn't attempted — nor planned to be attempted — in the sector the 26th Division had been occupying for six weeks.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

BURLINGTON

We have elected a new Secretary to take the place left vacant when Ralph Butland returned to Philadelphia some time ago. His name is Leo Abair; he served with the 101st Ammunition Train and lives in Winooski. Our next meeting will be held in Winooski, at the V.F.W. rooms on March 24. You will receive a report of the meeting from the Secretary. We have prospects for new members for the coming year. Hope to see you in Providence.

Joseph E. Bushey, formerly a member of this chapter has moved to Cambridge, Mass., and has joined the Boston Chapter.

— Henry M. Harlow,
President.

BRATTLEBORO

A charter was granted to Brattleboro, Vermont Chapter by the National Executive Committee on February 26. It is to be presented and the officers installed on Friday evening, April 8, by National President A. Raymond Doucette.

The story of the formation of this Chapter, somewhat condensed from the form in which it has been written by Secretary Jim Bastian, is as follows:

On January 21, a bad night with a howling snowstorm, a small group gathered at the Puritan Grill, and after enjoying an oyster supper, were called to order by Bill Cudworth, who presented Department President Arthur Smith of Springfield, Arthur Foote of Rutland and Guy Wescott of Springfield, each of whom explained how YD Chapters were formed — and why. The group decided that "The Command was Forward," and proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: President, Joseph Fleming; Sr. V.P., Bill Cudworth; Secretary, J. H. Bastian; Treasurer, Leon Barnes; Service Officer, Nick Schultz; Trustees, John Blake, John Madau and Howard Thayer.

On March 4 another meeting was held, with nearly everyone who signed up in January present. Plans were laid for a membership campaign to sign up all eligible members, and cards were sent out for another meeting to be held on March 10. The following vacancies were filled: Jr. V.P., Lyman Barrett; Sgt.-at-Arms, Arthur H. Bernard; Chaplain, George Willard; Historian, D. Carroll Doyle.

On March 10 a considerably large meeting was held, with all elected and nearly all the appointed officers present. Several new members were taken in. The ritual for the conduct of meeting was gone over, and officers instructed in the positions of their stations. Pres. Joseph Fleming reported that he had been promised the use of two (not either one — but both) motion picture houses for a Sunday Benefit Show on either April 10 or April 17. Brattleboro Post No. 5, A. L. offered the use of their quarters in entirety for any night the Chapter might need them for $1.50 rental — an offer which was accepted with thanks. The following committee was appointed as a reception and welcoming committee for the National officers on the occasion of the installation: Pres. Joe Fleming, V.P. Bill Cudworth, Treas. Leon Barnes, Trustees John Blake and Howard Thayer, and Comrade Fred Heap. A collection netted $3.30. Sixteen attended the meeting.

Bastian writes: "I think you will agree that we are out for blood and top honors for the

state." Go to it, boys; you've got two tough rivals in Montpelier and the old veteran — Rutland.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"

JOSEPH G. ABAIR was nominated for re-election as president of the Washington county chapter of the Yankee Division, and A. M. SMITH was nominated for re-election as first vice-president, at the chapter's regular March meetin held on March 15, at the Hotel Barre. The election of officers will take place at the meeting to be held in this city next month.

The following additional nominations were made: JOHN MACDONALD of Barre, second vice-president; RALPH LAWLESS of Barre, secretary; RICHARD JEROME of Montpelier, treasurer; FRANK HATCH of Barre, chaplain; ARMAND PINARD of Montpelier, sergeant-at-arms; trustees, IRVING COLBY, LEON RECORE and FRED PARSONS of Montpelier, and Dr. M. F. CERASOLI of Barre.

Announcement was made that the Washington county chapter now has the largest membership of any YD organization in the state. The chapter was organized last August.

The members have voted to set aside a special fund for sickness and relief work among the chapter. Fifteen per cent of receipts at any affair sponsored by the chapter will be added to this fund.

The meeting voted two new Yankee Division uniforms for President ABAIR and Vice-President SMITH. The uniforms are made of the French blue cloth, with green stripes to designate membership in the Vermont organization. Dances and other entertainments will be given from time to time to provide funds with which to equip the chapter with these uniforms.

JOE ABAIR writes: "I am doing my damnedest to hit fifty by April 1st."

We are thinking of having another dance, Friday, April 22nd is the date we have in mind.

RUTLAND

Meeting was held Feb. 10 at the Rutland Armory and while there was not much business at this meeting, 26 men enjoyed a good macaroni supper, served by FOOTE, BILL WOODBURY and FRANK SHEDD.

The Rutland Club held its March meeting Thursday, March 10th in the Neighborhood Rooms with 26 present.

MARSH WHELDON, heading a committee composed of ZEKE ACKLEY, CAL WARD, HOD HINCKLEY and BILL DONOVAN, served one of those Hash Suppers which would satisfy the inner parts of any man. With apple pie, pickles and swell coffee too.

A report was made on the recent Raffle held by the organization and we found after checking up we had $28.10 left over, and on top of that our Treasurer CHAS. REED reported the net sum of $97.50 in the bank.

The same slate of officers as last year were re-elected with the addition of Historian:

Pres., ARTHUR FOOTE; V.P., ROBERT EDDY; Sec., RAYMOND E. COLLINS; Treas., CHARLES REED; Historian, MAURICE E. DOOLAN.

— RAY COLLINS,
Sec., Rutland Chap., Y.D.V.A.

The annual visit of the National officers will be made to Rutland Chapter on April 14. The National President and Secretary have promised to go — possibly others. This event comes too late to be reported in this issue.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE MEETING — WORCESTER
APRIL 3, 1938

The Annual Meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was held in the V.F.W. Rooms, 107 Front Street, Worcester, Mass. on Sunday afternoon, April 3; with Department President CLYDE O. ELLIOTT in the Chair, and 87 members present from eleven of the Department's nineteen Chapters.

A proposal by Dep't. Treas. APPLEBY (Bos) was approved for the conducting of a drawing for a basket of assorted choice liquors, one bottle to be contributed by each Chapter in the state; tickets to be printed and distributed among the chapters for sale; chapters to retain a portion of the proceeds, the remainder to go to the Department to build up a larger treasury. The Chair appointed a committee to carry this plan out, but as the minutes of the meeting have not reached YANKEE DOINGS, it is impossible to record here the names of the men on this committee.

Reports on activities were heard from the few district deputies who were present — the best being that of HARRY SHERMAN of Marlboro, and from the chapter presidents attending the meeting.

No action was taken on a suggestion by

DWYER of Haverhill that the Department should oppose the so-called Re-organization Bill pending before the U. S. House of Representatives because of potential discrimination against veteran benefits which might ensue; although the subject did start a controversy in which proponents and opponents of New Deal policies in general came perilously close to the border-line of a political argument until shut off by the Chair.

AUSTIN KENNEDY (Wor) expressed dissatisfaction that so little time was given to the consideration of any subject at all of any importance to YD veterans as a whole — and so much time wasted on topics of no consequence. In this, he was upheld in the speech made by the National President RAY DOUCETTE who hoped that in the future the Department would go on record on matters of pending legislation or the administration of existing rules and regulations pertaining to veterans, to employment, hospitalization, civil service, etc.

The election of Department officers was conducted by printed ballot. There were two contested offices — that of Department President, for which office TED NOYES (Wor) and EMILE THIBAULT (Sal) had been nominated at the meeting in Danvers the month before; and that of Dep't. Vice President for which LEON VARNAM (Lynn) had been nominated at Danvers, and for which HARRY SHERMAN (Marl) was nominated at this meeting. All other offices were uncontested. The balloting for the office of Department President was merely in the nature of a recommendation to the National Nominating Committee, as the candidate must be confirmed by that committee and elected at the National Convention to be Nat. V.P. for Mass. before he can take office as Department President. The ballot resulted as follows:

For President, EDWIN J. NOYES (Wor), 64; EMILE THIBAULT (Sal), 23.

For V. P., HARRY SHERMAN (Marl), 76; LEON VARNAM (Lynn), 10; Blank 1.

The following were uncontested:

For Treasurer, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (Bos).
For Secretary, H. GUY WATTS (Bos).
For Chaplain, ERNEST C. PARENT (Wor).
For Service Officer, JOHN B. DWYER (Hav).
For Sgt.-at-Arms, CHARLES LEGER (Sal).
For Historian, GEO. MERRILL (Lynn).

EMILE THIBAULT was accorded applause when he rose to move the election of TED NOYES be made unanimous, a motion which was carried.

The city where the May meeting will be held was left in the hands of the Department officers, with standing invitations from Lynn and Haverhill. (See Back Cover.)

A fine luncheon of boiled ham, potato, vegetables, apple pie and coffee was served following the adjournment of the meeting.

BOSTON

An account of the Annual Meeting of the YD Club of Boston on March 31 is given elsewhere in this issue. It is the opinion of the editor that this meeting deserves a page of its own, inasmuch as the YD Club of Boston, by its size, its seniority among YD Chapters, and its stewardship of the YD Memorial Clubhouse where Nat. Hq. is housed and where all YD men are welcome, places it in a unique position among YD Clubs.

Among the improvements to the Club property which have been carried out during the past year — improvements in which every YD member from Maine to California should be interested — might be mentioned: the sand-blasting and washing of the front of the building, making it outstanding in appearance among the buildings in the neighborhood; the washing and painting of the walls and ceilings of the stair hall from the ground floor to the top floor; the laying of a new asphalt tile floor in the office and the re-arrangement of office equipment for compactness and efficiency; the addition of electric outlets and lights for greater convenience in office working. In the two or three years preceding, rubber tile flooring was laid in several of the other rooms, every room in the Club repainted including the assembly hall, fire escapes built at the rear of the building, the roof repaired, the boiler re-built. At the present moment, the Club property is in better physical condition than it has been for many years.

The March smoker was held on the evening of March 24, with Mr. Cartier, Assistant U. S. District Attorney as guest speaker — his subject; counterfeit money and counterfeiters. He exhibited several samples of bogus money and recounted the ways in which the criminals are trapped. ANDY INDRIZANO's number was drawn for the membership prize, Andy was not present, so next month it jumps ten dollars more, BUT, next month, i.e. April, the only members in the running will be those whose dues for the new year are paid.

GOLDIE: "I was in the National Guard when I enlisted in the regular army."

DENNIHAN: "So, — you're a bigamist, eh?"

Citation

The following citation was read by President JOE GALLIGAN as a part of his Annual Report as President of the YD Club of Boston.

In grateful recognition of his faithful, untiring and unselfish service in promoting the welfare of this Club during the past year it is my pleasure and privilege to cite:

Past President HAROLD J. SMITH

His wisdom and talents, acquired and nurtured in years of education and experience were the solid comfort, support and guide of your Board during our difficulties with the Club Devkelder, with the liquidation proceedings, with new leases and with several other legal matters which arose to perplex us. Even beyond those services, great as they were, perhaps his greatest contribution was the feeling of security we enjoyed in the knowledge that he was always ready to help us, was always in reserve, someone to whom we could turn with our troubles for sage counsel, protection and active help. To the citation already awarded him by the Y.D.V.A., we fervently add our small measure of appreciation — our outstanding member of the year — Past President HAROLD J. SMITH.

YD AUXILIARY — BOSTON

At the January sewing meeting, Past President Mrs. Bertha M. Kenny was presented with a set of YD book ends from the sewing group.

A very successful Penny Sale was held at the home of the President Mrs. Katharine Curtin, Monday evening, March 13, refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

The Auxiliary was saddened upon the notice of the death of one of its Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. George Proctor of New Britain, Conn.

Sincerely,

— Agnes M. Lacasse, Publicity Chairman.

LOWELL

On Thursday evening, March 3, the YD Club of Lowell held its Annual Dinner and reception to the National Officers in the Merrimack Hotel.

Following a turkey dinner, President WESLEY J. WIGGIN introduced in turn National President RAY DOUCETTE, Nat. Sec. PHIL SANBORN, State President CLYDE O. ELLIOTT; each of whom spoke on phases of the Association's growth, activity and purpose; also GEORGE M. WALSH of Lowell, Chairman of the chapter's membership committee.

JAMES A. MCKEARNEY was master of ceremonies, and entertainment was under DAN BRENNAN. The program, presented through the courtesy of the Highland Daylight Club included vocal solos by Harold O'Hearn, impersonations by Armand N. Soucy, banjo selections by William J. Hird, and feats of magic by Mahan and Lady Ruth.

The out-of-town firemen from Boston, Lynn and Worcester wish to acknowledge with hearty thanks the hospitality of DORAN LYONS at his house both before and after the meeting.

Plans are under way, and a committee appointed to run affairs to benefit the treasury: a smoker is to be held late in April. As Secretary QUINCY PARK writes: "There is no doubt if we have a bank balance, our Chapter will show signs of improvement."

LYNN

Health Week Night was held March 15th at our quarters, with over 300 present. Dr. Orrin Blair, Lynn's leading surgeon, was the principal speaker. A. C. Williams and Co., electric wizardy made a big hit, several acts and short speeches by National President and State President and then a luncheon served by the Auxiliary made it one of the best affairs ever. Dr. CHESTER P. BROWN was present and enjoyed the festivities as only a real YD doctor could. ROYAL THOMAS acted as master of ceremonies and did a swell job of it.

On March 22nd, officers were nominated with the following results: President, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD (104th Inf.); 1st V.P., MICHAEL GAROFANO (101st F.A.); 2nd V.P., WALTER SMITH (104th Inf.); Treasurer, RAY DOUCETTE (101st F.A.); Secretaries, EARL BAILEY (101st F.A.), and GEORGE MERRILL (101st F.A.); Sgt.-at-Arms, RUDOLPH HEFTYE (103rd Inf.); Chaplain, ROBERT NEWMAN (103rd Inf.).

Trustees: EDMUND CALLAHAN (102nd F.A.); ROY KNOX (104th Inf.); WILLIAM BOWEN (101st Inf.); THOMAS CURRAN (101st F.A.); WILLIS HARVEY (103rd Inf.); EUSTIS GRIMES (102nd Inf.), and BERT NARBIS (51st Bri. Hqtrs.).

Historian, LEON VARNAM (101st F.A.); Trust Fund Directors — three year term, RAYMOND DOUCETTE (101st F.A.); two year term, JOHN SULLIVAN (101st Inf.), LEON VARNAM (101st F.A.); one year term, ROBERT NEWMAN (103rd Inf.), HAROLD GUPPY (101st F.A.), CHESTER MORLEY (101st F.A.), MICHAEL GAROFANO (101st F.A.).

Election of officers will be held April 5th with polls open from 8:30 to 10 P.M.

Lynn Drill Team has re-organized and expect to be all set for Convention. Drills will be held regularly from now on. Watch us at Providence.

NEW BEDFORD

President Bill Dresner has been working night shifts for quite a few weeks and has had to miss some of the meetings of the Nat. Executive Committee and of the State Department. We miss seeing him, and Bill certainly misses being unable to attend as he has written letters of regret on each occasion.

On Thursday evening, March 10, the chapter held its annual election of officers at the Club quarters on Purchase St. All of last year's officers were re-elected with the exception of Treas. Sam Picard, who asked to be relieved of his duty. In his place, Adelard Sauve was elected. Bill Dresner remains as President, Jim McQuade as Secretary.

Preceding the election, a regular German supper was served by Walter Burns who got himself into a job by serving a supper about two weeks before. All the boys were clamoring for another one, and another one they had; pigs' knuckles and kraut, frankforts, ham, salad, pumpernickel and beer.

Bill reports that a membership drive is under way, with prospects assigned to men living in their neighborhood so no one will have too much travelling to do; that several new members have already been signed up including Major Addison Crafts, formerly of Boston. Bill says things are looking up a little — (New Bedford has been one of the hardest hit of New England communities) — and if it continues, New Bedford will have the largest chapter in that neck of the woods.

The Junior Drum Corps is rehearsing every Saturday, and it is hoped they will make their appearance at the Providence Convention.

SPRINGFIELD

For an historical account of the construction and naming of the Major Clarence R. Edwards Memorial Bridge and Triangle, see article elsewhere in this issue.

Springfield Chapter held its annual election of officers on Monday, March 7, with the following result:

President, Robert L. Beach, (By one vote over Roy Coons); 1st V.P., Hugh Mackay; 2nd V.P., Matthew Moran; Treasurer, Dennis J. Brunton; Secretary, Roswell F. Patch; Chaplain, George Lyons; Sgt.-at-Arms, Thomas Dee; Judge Advocate, Henry Roux; Historian, James W. Armeson; Director for 3 years, Edward C. Maley.

The above officers were installed by Nat. President Ray Doucette and staff following a banquet at the Hotel Charles, on Saturday evening, April 2. State President Clyde Elliott and several others from Worcester were also present.

This was a joint installation, Mrs. Virginia Mackay installing the officers of the Auxiliary, as follows:

President, Mrs. Irene Maley; V.P., Mrs. Suzanne Roux; Treasurer, Mrs. Veronica Chapman; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Heber; Chaplain, Mrs. Katherine Crokan; Historian, Mrs. Florence Patch.

Following the installation, entertainment was furnished by the Hula Island quartet. About 75 were present and a grand time had by all.

WORCESTER

A meeting of Worcester Chapter was held in the V.F.W. Rooms on March 10, with President Mike Early in the Chair. DOINGS has received two reports of the meeting, one from Mike Early who was there, and one from Ernie Parent who wasn't there. The following account is taken in part from both reports.

Jerry O'Leary, Chm. of the Providence Convention Comm. told of the program in store (which is printed elsewhere in this number), and went home with a number of advance registrations in his pocket and the promise of a large attendance from Worcester. Phil McCall of Providence accompanied Jerry and met several old acquaintances.

It was voted to pay the expenses to the Convention of Pres. Mike Early, and to engage a Worcester Chapter hq. room in the Biltmore.

The speaker of the evening was John Meagher, Jr., a young attorney, and president of the Worcester County Automobile Association who spoke on compulsory auto insurance. Mr. Carl Sweeney, police reporter who travels with Mr. Meagher told what the association does for car owners throughout the state.

A committee was appointed to make the final draft of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Y.D.V.A. which will be acted upon at Providence, sponsored by Worcester Chapter, proposing to throw open to membership, YD men who did not go overseas with the Division through no fault of their own. (The wording of this proposed amendment appears elsewhere in this number.)

Chm. Joe Tivnan reported for the new Junior Drum Corps committee, that hard work is already being done to organize and equip this organization.

State President Clyde Elliott was absent due

to the unexpected death of his father, in Templeton, Mass. It was voted that as many members as possible attend the funeral services in Templeton.

A dinner dance, to which all YD men, whether from Worcester or not are invited, will be held at "The Eden" on Franklin Street, next to the Hotel Bancroft, on April 18. Tickets are $1.50; dress informal. V.P. HARRY BLOCK is chairman of the committee.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island is no longer a one-chapter department. Apremont Chapter of Pawtucket has been organized, its charter presented and its officers installed, as will be read below.

News of Providence is mostly Convention news these days, and much of it will be found in the front part of this issue.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"

Following several preliminary meetings, each larger than the other, and months of spade-work by HOWARD HUNT and JOHN MORAN, Apremont Chapter was "all set to go" on the evening of March 18; when they were given a rousing send-off and God-speed by four national officers who attended the ceremonies of charter presentation and installation of officers at the Lincoln Woods Model Dairy Farm in Saylesville as guests of CLIFF ARNOLD, who, with his father, runs this unique and interesting business.

If DOINGS were only a farm magazine or a dairy magazine, we could give a working description of the building in which the meeting was held. It was a partitioned-off portion of a larger building used as a milking room. The gleamingly polished mechanical apparatus by which the cows are milked was exhibited from the lunch room where the meeting was held, through a series of large glass show windows. Unfortunately the bovines had retired for the night, so we couldn't see all the gadgets in operation. The mechanical milking machines convey the milk to a series of pipes from which it is conducted to the coolers and bottling machines without being touched by human hands. Steam sterilizers, an ice cream machine and other pieces of machinery shone like mirrors.

Milk, milk shakes, and fresh-made ice cream was served to any or all who wanted it, seconds and thirds and fourths. (Quite an innovation for a YD party!)

But back to the meeting. Dep't. of R. I. President HOWARD HUNT opened the meeting, introducing President-elect JOHN R. MORAN, who called upon Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE to present the charter and install the officers. RAY was assisted in the installation by a whole corps of sergeants-at-arms: Nat. Sec. PHIL SANBORN, Mass. Pres. CLYDE ELLIOTT, EARL SAUNDERS of Worcester, and WALTER SMITH and RUDOLPH HEFTYE of Lynn.

The officers installed: President, JOHN R. MORAN; Sr. V.P., FRANCIS J. KEOUGH; Jr. V.P., JOHN D. SPALDING; Treasurer, JOSEPH O. GAGNER; Secretary, WALTER E. JENKS; Chaplain, CLIFTON W. ARNOLD; Judge Advocate, LIONEL R. CONNELL; Sgt.-at-Arms, CHARLES HAYMAN; Trustees: 18 months, W. ARCHIE SPRINTHALL; 12 months, WILLIAM R. HOUGHTON; 6 months, LEONARD MILLS.

Quite a delegation from Providence Chapter were on hand, including Past Dep't. President, Col. BILL MULCAHEY. HOWARD HUNT appeared in his new Rhode Island YD uniform, the first (and perhaps the only) one yet in existence, and snappy is the word — with the red piping, and overseas hat piped in red.

Several short speeches were made, interrupted occasionally with mutterings from a gentleman named Melarkey — who awoke one time from a doze to shout, "Who is LEN MALONEY?"

Perhaps the most entertaining feature of the evening was the manner in which CLYDE ELLIOTT and EARL SAUNDERS found the place. It is way out in the country and not easy to find — especially when they didn't even have the name of it. So CLYDE arranged with RAY DOUCETTE that directions would be left with the Pawtucket Police Station. However, CLYDE got there before the instructions did. In fact, RAY and his party were just about to phone from the dairy to the police station, when in came a message over short wave radio from the police: "Calling car number so-and-so; do you know of a YD meeting tonight? Where is it being held?" It was by purest coincidence that the radio was tuned on short wave, and we all got it standing around the dairy room. So CLIFF ARNOLD immediately called the station and gave directions, the fastest piece of co-operation your reporter has ever witnessed.

Great enthusiasm was shown by all officers and members of the new Chapter, and from years of experience in seeing chapters born, your

reporter would say this one is going to live and grow.

Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed following the meeting.

— P. N. S.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

STATE MEETING — MANCHESTER MARCH 13, 1938

Meeting was called to order in the State Armory at 3.15 P. M., Pres. CUNNINGHAM presiding.

The following guests were escorted to the platform: David Chambers, Mayor of Manchester; Clyde Mills, Mayor of Rockville; Col. HARRY BISSELL; CLYDE ELLIOTT, Pres. Dep't. of Mass.; AL HERMAN; Dr. KEATING; JOE KOLINSKY.

The Chair called for a salute to the colors. Prayer by Dr. KEATING, followed by 30 seconds silence for our departed comrades.

Roll Call of Officers — Second Vice Pres.; Chaplain; Sgt.-at-Arms; Service Officer; Judge Advocate; Absent.

Roll Call of Dist. Pres. — HARRY ROBERTSON and GARDINER HALL, Present.

Roll Call of Chapter Pres. — Waterbury; Stamford; New Haven; New Britain; Wallingford; and Winsted, Absent.

Roll Call of Chapter Atten. — Willimantic gets the gavel with 33 per cent Attendants.

Minutes of previous meeting — Accepted as read.

Treas. Report — Balance of $58.88 in the bank. Received $3.50 from New Britain and $3.00 from Meriden for their State Tax.

Report of Service Officer — Pres. CUNNINGHAM reports 10 YD men in Vet. Hosp.

Report of Committees — AL HERMAN asked those chapters that haven't turned over their two cartons of cigarettes to the Pres. for the Veterans at Newington Hosp., please do so.

Under New Business — The April State Meeting will be held in Terryville on the 10th, at the Town Hall at 3 P. M. Middletown has the State meeting in May.

Mayor David Chambers — Welcomed the members to Manchester, a pleasure for him to be with us. "I congratulate you for sticking together."

Mayor Clyde Mills — Of Rockdale, "This is my first time to meet my own boys of Co. H, and it sure is a pleasure to me to see you again."

Col. HARRY BISSELL — "It's a great pleasure for me to be here, express my appreciation to a great many who were friends of mine who I will never know. Those who took time, who expressed a friendly gesture, and in my case it was a great help. The State Dep't. of the YD hasn't got to take a back seat for anybody."

CLYDE ELLIOTT — Pres. State of Mass. — "I bring the greetings of Mass. to Conn." Stated that he is a candidate for National President.

JOE KOLINSKY — Wants the YD to back the D.A.V. on some bills that are to come up for action this coming session.

BILL ALLEN — We are having a Testimonial Dinner for HARRY BISSELL, March 27th, at the State Armory, at 1.00 P. M. Tickets sell for $1.50 each.

Entertainment was furnished by Miss Peggy Larkin's dancing class.

ED MILLER — At this time of the year it is customary for us to nominate our State Officers. I nominate RAY KINCAID for State President, seconded by KOLINSKY. So voted and carried. AL HERMAN — I nominate GARDINER HALL for 1st Vice Pres., seconded by PIRIE, so voted. Pres. CUNNINGHAM — Next State meeting will be in Terryville on the 10th of April. No further business — The meeting adjourned at 4.30 P. M. with the saluting of the colors.

— JOE CUNNINGHAM,
Dep't. Pres.

JERRY GRIFFIN,
Dep't. Sec'y.

HARTFORD

Have You Paid Your Dues For The Year — 1938-39? This is very important; we have tried to keep the chapter near the top in membership and we need your help. Right now a membership campaign is going on but what we are interested in first is to see that the old members also are in line. The next year may mean a great deal to Hartford Chapter for there are plans in the works to make it one that will not soon be forgotten. If these plans go through, each and every member will have a job to do and we will need a large membership, so pay those dues — and try to get just one new member yourself.

At the March meeting a membership committee was formed with the following to act as captains, DON FORBES, HARRY ROBERTSON, WILSON FALLS. Little need to say about any of these fellows, for they certainly have done more than their share to make our chapter a success; they

have given of their time freely and willingly and if we had a few more like them, so that the work could be spread around, it would make it a lot easier for the officers. They have formed their teams, and imagine fellows, we have had two supper meetings on membership and between thirty and forty showed up. That is showing the real YD spirit, and with a few more giving a helping hand we can have the largest chapter in the organization. We expect to go over the top in this membership campaign and we will need them all, so do your little part.

During the past year our meetings have been more than interesting and it would be hard for any organization to top us on the instructive entertainment that was furnished during the year. Each meeting brought forth something new and interesting and the March meeting was no exception. Through the efforts of our good member Don Forbes, we were shown pictures by Mr. Alfred R. Hunter and Mr. Harry P. Cox, Jr., both connected with the Hartford Empire Company. These pictures and a talk by Mr. Hunter explained the making of glass and glass bottles, etc. Right before our eyes we saw all sorts of bottles made from those used by babies which bring them great comfort to those used by man to bring him both comfort and cheer. So we are greatly indebted to these gentlemen for the very pleasant evening they so kindly furnished for Hartford Chapter. Then to top it off "Bush" Hedges put on the feed and just to change the menu, Bush gave us a little bit of everything, take your choice.

This may be the last item you will get before the Convention at Providence. Are you going? If not, why not? A great time is in store for those who attend and we would like a good showing in the parade just to show the size of our chapter.

Pay your dues, get a member, and show up at the meetings.

— W. L. S.

Ed. Note — According to another dispatch, received from Tony Canora, the captains of the membership teams are: Donald Forbes, Harry Robertson, and Anthony M. Canora. We don't want to leave "Pop" Falls out, nor Tony either. We hope all four are captaining a team.

At the meeting on April 4, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, William L. Sullivan; 1st V.P., John J. Costello; 2nd V.P., William T. E. Barber; Secretary, Donald Forbes; Treasurer, Harry Robertson; Chaplain, Paul Caravatt; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Edwards; Trustees, Wilson S. Falls, Philip Moriarty.

Nineteen members of the Y.D.V.A. are employed by the Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, with more to come.

Bernie "Doc" Allen (Dental) has moved to Hartford and is quite an active worker on the present membership drive.

Quite a number of Y.D.V.A. members contributed to the Hobby Show at the Aetna Life Auditorium, sponsored by Aetna employees.

Bossy LeRoy (K Co., 102nd) who will be remembered by his boxing for the YD at tournaments is now chief plumber at Vets' Hosp., Newington, Conn.

Hartford Chapter is encouraging old outfit re-unions at the Providence Convention. We again urge all members of Hartford Chapter to pass their copy of YANKEE DOINGS to prospective members, this alone should sell memberships.

Joe Foley ought to be in good shape for the Convention. He is on the wagon during Lent.

Tom "Gimmee" Brown never changes. He is still as rotund as ever. (Believe it or not, he got clipped for a half-a-buck recently.)

Rumors of a big dinner rally and meeting to conclude the membership drive are numerous. All we can say is, it will come off shortly before the Providence Convention.

If you cannot sell that prospect a membership we suggest turning his name and address to the membership committee. They'll work on him — and how.

Last but not least — Membership and dues always are most welcome — So if you haven't — Well — Kick in.

— A. M. C.

MANCHESTER

The Manchester Chapter turned over a new leaf the first of January and promptly advertised that the sap of eternal youth (or something) had turned rigor into vigor by winning the travelling gavel at the January meeting in Bristol. On February 6th, at Osaro's on Bolton Lake, our annual banquet brought out 53, all YD men from Manchester, Willimantic, and Waterbury. On February 13th, there were several of us in Norwalk for the State meeting in spite of an 85-mile drive in fog and rain. On March 7th, our Y.D.V.A. unit, which belongs to the local Veterans Association and has a voice in the permanent Armistice Day committee, turned out its membership along with the other veteran organizations at the town meeting which succeeded

in appropriating $1500.00 for a real 20th Armistice Day celebration in this town with five prizes for drum corps, trimmed floats, etc. Our neighboring towns, including Hartford, will see a first class parade. On March 9th, our election of officers for 1938 took place at the Army and Navy Club:

WILLIAM ALLEN, Pres.; CLYDE G. BECKWITH, 1st V.P., and Publicity; WALTER BALCH, 2nd V.P.; CHESTERFIELD PIRIE, Secretary; ARTHUR McCANN, Treasurer.

FRANK "Jeff" BLANCHARD was named chairman of membership and began at once to round up the prospects. He already has 20 new men signed up and we are making every effort to double our membership. With two enthusiastic and well attended YD parties in town this month the psychological moment has come to bid for members.

On March 13th, Manchester held the Y.D. V.A. state meeting.

On March 27th, the YD gang in this town sponsored a testimonial dinner for Col. HARRY BISSELL, one of the best officers in the 102nd Regiment in France. Major General Morris B. Payne of the 43rd Division, Major T. J. Bannigan of the Veterans Facility at Newington, and many other friends, both civilian and military, augmented the ranks of the YD veterans gathered at the State Armory in Manchester for another of Osaro's turkey dinners.

We have been meeting almost every week for several months and will continue to do so for some time as we are now planning for the Convention in Providence, for which purpose your correspondent and President WM. ALLEN journeyed to that city on a Saturday, which was also set aside by our local basketball team to win the New England championship in that same city of Providence.

Beyond that is the Manchester Veterans Association annual carnival and the date has been set for June 13-18.

— CLYDE G. BECKWITH.

NEW HAVEN

New Haven Chapter's membership drive got off to a flying start at the regular chapter meeting held on March 24th. The meeting was held in the rathskeller at the Wehle Brewery which may or may not account for the fine turnout. At any rate there were a lot present whose faces have not been seen at a meeting for some time. All officers were present.

LEN MALONEY's Irish Shenanigans took the lead with 44 points covering 12 new members and 20 re-ups. FREDDIE HIRSCH's Flying Dutchmen reported 10 re-ups or 10 points. LEN has divided his team into squads while Fred's team works as a committee of the whole. LEN's team captains are: "Canteens," RAY COOPER; "Chau Chats," ED SULLIVAN; "Mess Kits," FRANK LEE; "Sam Brownes," BERNIE WYNNE; "Rifles," GEORGE OLINSKY; "One-Pounders," LEN MALONEY; "Bayonets," ERNIE BAHNSEN; "Grenadiers," CHARLIE GARDNER.

President LEE reported that a proposition wherein the chapter could raise funds would be closed soon. The chapter accepted, with reservations, the invitation of the Inter-Veterans Association to join in a united veteran relief drive.

General JIM HAGGERTY was reported as greatly improved at the Putnam Hospital and IRVING HAWKES was said to be doing well at Newington.

President LEE advised the members that the executive committee had decided to join with the Post in a simple but impressive observation of Seicheprey Day. Both organizations will participate in Memorial Exercises at the War Memorial on the Green.

VINCE CARBONE and HENRY G. FOWLER, of Milford; JUD MOORE, formerly of E Co., 102nd Inf., and WILLIAM K. TOOTHILL were among the new members.

The chapter gave a rising vote of thanks to NICK SALVATORE who arranged the meeting and provided the eats.

NORWALK

ANTHONY CARIONE of Strawberry Hill ave. was elected president of Norwalk Chapter, at the annual meeting in VFW Hall, Wall st., on March 25. Other officers elected were: WILFRED SMITH of Darien, first vice president; STEVE TOROK of Stamford, second vice president; JAMES POWERS (retiring president), chaplain; WILLIAM WHITNEY, treasurer; HENRY WOODS, secretary; STANLEY GROMKOWSKI, sgt.-at-arms; HAROLD ANDERSON and SAMUEL POLLEY, trustees; ALBERT HERMAN, historian.

The new officers will be installed at a public meeting of the YD on Friday, April 8.

The committee decided to hold the annual Seicheprey Day banquet in the Longshore Country Club on Saturday, April 23.

Guests of honor last night included Captain DAN STRICKLAND of Ansonia, WILLIAM ADAMS of Danbury, AL SINSKIE of Danbury, HERMAS POIRIER, president of the Norwalk DAV.

Norwalk Chapter, Jewish War Veterans

The activities and proclivities of Herr Hitler, ex-paperhanger, give considerable point to the story which follows, written by SAM POLLEY, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Norwalk, particularly when it is remembered that AL HERMAN was born and spent his boyhood in Germany.

Writes SAM:

Norwalk Chapter, Y.D.V.A. took a prominent part in an open meeting, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans in Norwalk on Thursday, March 10, having as special guest speaker, Miss Isobelle Steele, Hollywood journalist and espionage prisoner in Germany a year or more ago, and who was sentenced to death at the time.

The meeting was conducted by Commander S. C. POLLEY, former President of Norwalk YD Chapter, and one of the principal speakers was Past National President AL HERMAN. AL did such a good job that he was given a five-minute ovation and a rising vote of thanks by the largest crowd ever jammed into the Jewish Center building.

But that didn't end the festivities. AL invited the guest speakers to his dug-out after the meeting; and oh, boy, what a roasting our pal "Abie" Hitler got! Among outstanding guests at AL's dug-out were: Fred Harris and wife; Abe Schoenberg and wife; Lew Altman and wife. Harris is state commander, J.W.V.; Schoenberg and Altman, commanders in Bridgeport and Stamford respectively. Also present were Miss Steele; Charles Goldschmidt, past commander Norwalk A. L.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallerstein, deputy sheriff, past commander Norwalk D.A.V., and many others.

Again YD hospitality puts things over the top.

WATERBURY

Because it believes that the work being done by Waterbury Chapter's "Big Brother Club" is one of the finest activities conducted anywhere by any group of the Y.D.V.A., and more particularly in the hope that many other, and perhaps larger chapters will adopt and put into execution a similar movement, YANKEE DOINGS is publishing elsewhere in this issue, at some length, an account of the first year's accomplishments of this Club. Read it, bring it up for discussion at your next Chapter meeting.

WILLIMANTIC

"Windham County Chapter"

Our first annual installation of officers was held on March 12.

State President JOE "Buck" CUNNINGHAM, acting as installing officer, assisted by ED MILLER as sergeant-at-arms, installed the new officers who are to lead the Chapter for the coming year. These were:

President, ELLIOTT MOSHIER; Sr. V.P., HENRY PUKALLUS; Jr. V.P., LAURENCE LINDGREN; Treasurer, CHARLES MAASS; Secretary, EZEB J. LAPAN; Sgt.-at-Arms, HARRISON BARBER; Chaplain, RAY KAVANAUGH; Trustees, 18 mos., TOM DELANEY, 12mos., Dr. WILLIAM P. S. KEATING.

Connecticut's two Past National Presidents and mainstays of the YD were on hand, each with a forceful and tactful address; LEN MALONEY and AL HERMAN. Col. "Machine-Gun" PARKER also spoke in his characteristic vein, still the old fighter. And ED MILLER of Hartford charmed all with his sincere smile and gracious remarks. The only two disappointments of the evening were the absence of Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE who met with an automobile accident two days before, and Col. MIKE CONNOR, commissioner of motor vehicles and a big favorite with the boys.

A class of new members was obligated by State Pres. CUNNINGHAM, assisted by AL HERMAN, LEN MALONEY, with CLYDE ELLIOTT acting as sergeant-at-arms. The Commanders of the local Legion, V.F.W. and Spanish War Veterans were present and made brief addresses, as did the ex-Mayor of Willimantic.

Dancing was scheduled to follow; but, according to GARDINER HALL, from whom this entire report is gathered, most of the time the men spent dancing around the beer kegs while the ladies sat out the dances.

GARDINER concludes his dispatch: "Sunday we went to Manchester with 13 men and brought home the travelling gavel. Right this minute we are primarily interested in two things: getting all members paid up for the new year; and laying definite plans for a big turn-out at the Providence Convention."

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHICAGO

All YD men in Chicago were invited to attend the annual stag of the YD Club of Chicago, Tuesday, April 19, at the Knickerbocker Hotel.

A feed and entertainment — with non-members as guests — is on the program. Officers for the coming year are to be installed by the retiring president, ALLEN USHER of Battery A, 103rd Field Artillery.

The new slate of officers: CLARENCE A. BUSH of Batt. A, 101st F.A., is president; EDMUND D. O'CONNELL, Co. L., 102nd Inf., is vice-president; J. H. MCCANN, Co. D., 101st Eng., adjutant; ERNEST KENTWORTZ, 101st Mob. Ord. Rep. Shop, secretary; DANA HUBBARD, Bat. C., 103rd F.A., treasurer; and EDWARD J. KOSATKA, Bat. B., 102nd F.A., sergeant-at-arms. Comrade USHER became chaplain, succeeding JOHN J. LEE, Co. A., 103rd Inf.

Under the leadership of President USHER the club enjoyed a most prosperous year. He enabled the club to put on a number of moving picture shows at the Paramount Studio, which kept the treasury in a solvent condition and enabled the club to send $25.00 to national headquarters.

— C. A. B.

DETROIT

The night of March 25 was our election night and the sixteen members present turned out and gave us a real lively time electing the following men to office:

President, RALPH BENNETT; Senior V.P., JACK GUITTAUD; Junior V.P., ATHOL DAVIS; Secretary, DAVID SWARTZ; Treasurer, CHAS. H. SMITH; Chaplain, EMIL P. RAGNA; Historian, W. "Heinie" MUNSELL; Service Officer, RICHARD J. SCANLAN; Sgt.-at-arms, FRANCIS CLARK; Trustees (4), PETER SADY, H. N. BUCKLEY, LEO F. COVEY, JOHN ZAGATA.

Who's this man, Gibson, mentioned in the YANKEE DOINGS? A Detroit man and we don't know him? Send along his full name and address so we can sign him up. (ED. NOTE — Sent.)

The YD buttons came today and will have JACK GUITTAUD send along a check for the same.

Collected eleven members' dues at the meeting which will be forwarded shortly. We are trying to get as many paid memberships as possible before sending them in.

We are hoping some of the boys will go East for the Convention but to date cannot find out who is going.

Just missed out seeing Commissioner General of Immigration, JAMES L. HOUGHTELING. He visited my station but I was away. Too darn bad. If I had met him I would have given him an application blank and tried to collect his dues then forwarded them to the Washington Chapter. From all reports he is a regular fellow, and if this is so, he should be in the Y.D. V.A. I believe if one of the Washington boys called upon him he would sign on the dotted line.

I cannot locate THOMAS ERWIN. He simply seems to have drifted away. Where? No one knows.

The recession has hit this district very hard and knowing how hard it is to get work and how few men work the week through, it makes it tough to ask men for dues. But, nothing ventured, nothing gained. We still expect one hundred per cent "re-ups" as REDFIELD calls them.

Anne Bracket, six year old daughter of ELMER BRACKETT, suffered serious first and second degree burns when her dress caught fire while she was burning papers in the cellar of her home. At last report received by DOINGS, the little girl was in the Receiving Hospital in a serious condition.

We were glad to read and note that the various chapters responded so nicely and that those who did not send in their quota are well on the way to do so.

The most exclusive club in Michigan, the Detroit Chapter, is out to gather all the lost sons of the YD who have strayed away since days of yore, and continue working to make our organization grow better and better in every way, every day.

One cannot find YD chapters all around out here, so if anyone wants to meet real, regular, and genuine men of the YD, to whom the YD means something, he can find them when the Detroit Chapter meets. This is said without disparagement to the YD men of the East or West, but in the event some long lost member happens to drop into the club and wants to enjoy his privilege of being numbered among the exclusive members of the Y.D.V.A. of Detroit, when he comes from Detroit.

Yours with the best,

— DAVE SWARTZ.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"

Our March meeting was held on Sunday, March 20th at our new headquarters, 10519 Superior Avenue. Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. President FLAHAVAN opened a discussion regarding unemployed YD men and arranged to get two men located the following week. Moved by Comrade LIPTAK and seconded by Comrade HAAK that we ad-

vance dues of three new unemployed members. Moved by LIPTAK and seconded by GONSALVES that we establish a Club known as the Y.D.V.A. of Ohio Social Club; members to consist of YD veterans, their relatives and friends. Moved by O'CONNOR and seconded by HAAK that meetings be held weekly. Moved by NESTLER and seconded by JEFFERSON that we arrange some form of entertainment program for every meeting to raise funds to aid our unemployed and needy members. Discussion was held regarding furnishing baskets of food for some of our needy comrades. President FLAHAVAN appointed Comrade LIPTAK as official bartender and he did a good job serving refreshments during and after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P. M. and there were 13 in attendance.

— R. L. S.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

On Tuesday, March 8, "Rocky" and six more of the gang gathered at the Colorado Restaurant for our "semi-annual" monthly meeting. At least it seemed that six months had passed since the last meeting. Our previous meeting having taken place just before Christmas. However, we have taken ourselves in hand and are going to do better in the future.

Those present were: FRANK J. MURRAY, (101 Field Sig. Bn.); RAYMOND M. LOEB, (102 F.A., Hdq. Co.); A. W. ROCKWELL, (102 M. G. Bn.); J. H. GORMLEY, (C Btry., 103 F.A.); "Doc" JAMES J. MORRIS, (B Btry. 103 F.A.); ARTHUR G. VETTER, (C Btry. 101 F.A.); JAMES R. NORTON, (Btry. A, 101 F.A.).

We are rather small for formal meetings so we get together at the Colorado Restaurant, and amidst the sound of tinkling ice and sizzling steaks we talk over old times and lay our plans for a bigger and better local chapter.

We have decided to hold a picnic on July 17 at Eldorado Springs as one means of encouraging an interest in the Denver organization.

We find that in last month's report to YANKEE DOINGS we omitted the name of one of our members, O. G. "Olie" CHANDLER, formerly of the 102 Ambulance Company. "Olie" informs us he is very much amongst those present and that he will try and be present at our next meeting. CHANDLER is with the U. S. Forest Service.

PAT PEDICINO, formerly a corporal in the 102 Infantry, Co. C, is still a patient at Fitzsimons General Hospital, (post office Denver, Colorado). He will be glad to hear from any of his former buddies.

Our next meeting will be held at 6:30 P. M., April 12th, (Tuesday), at the Colorado Restaurant.

We have definite plans to go after our maximum membership. Next summer, on the anniversary of the "jumping off" at Chateau Thierry . . . . but more about that later. For the present we would like to be able to write each prospective member that we are sending them a copy of the YANKEE DOINGS gratis, etc., etc., and we would like to ask if it would be possible for you to send our secretary about 25 copies to be used for that purpose. (Gratis, of course!) This ammunition, together with the letter, would be the opening gun in our campaign to attain our objective of a total membership of forty. How about it? (ED. NOTE: Sent.)

Once more let us repeat. We are not crying here; we are not downhearted. Rocky Mountain Chapter is tiny, but very much alive. We think we are doing our job here as we see it, and having a good time at our "get togethers." In size we are just a runt, and will always be that, but we could be just a little larger. Please help us grow.

Good luck for the drive. We will wish you the best possible success. And we all wish we could join you in little Rhody next May. We are going to try to be represented there, anyway.

— VETTER.

LOS ANGELES
"Southern California Chapter"

The YD Club of South California held two meetings during March. Continued discussion and planning for the great YD reunion in Los Angeles next September was the main item of business.

We were glad indeed to welcome, after a long absence, BOB HURLEY and WARREN JAQUES. These two rollicking pals from A Battery 102nd F.A. are always full of pep and fun and their presence at the meetings insures a lively evening. WARREN brought up a box of cigars as a self-imposed penalty for missing so many meetings.

The heavy rains of late February and early March brought disaster to Southern California, but we are glad to report that no word has come to us of the loss of life or property of any YD comrade during the flood.

A communication from the Auxiliary of the YD Club of Southern California informs us that their dues are $1.00 per year, that they will meet

on the first Wednesday evening and third Thursday afternoon, and that the following officers were elected:

President, Grace Meredith; Vice President, Mabel Ripley; Secretary-Treasurer, Margaret Richardson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Anna Collins; Historian, May Couture; Hostess, Mary Studley; Chaplain, Grace McLaughlin.

At their request we will install their officers with ours in a joint ceremony following our annual election on April 6th.

On April 20th, or the twentieth anniversary of the Battle of Seicheprey, we are to have a dinner and entertainment and a formal presentation of the beautiful gavel that FRANK MEREDITH brought from Belleau Wood.

— G. K. M.

NEW YORK

Another month, another meeting, and the New York Chapter members had another good time. We shall not presume to bask in the glory of the February meeting — there is no necessity to do so. We do know that the 47 members and guests present at our meeting on March 22nd, which was held in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel, departed at a reasonable hour and had a most enjoyable evening.

It is true that we would have had 48 present if our newly elected and installed Treasurer, ANTHONY F. FANELLE had read his notice. Can you imagine a Treasurer not knowing that we hold our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month unless written notice is given to the contrary? However, he's a very nice fella and inasmuch as he will catch plenty of "Old Nick" from his wife — why should we rub the salt into an open wound?

Believe it or not, our new President, ED NELSON, means what he says. When he stated emphatically that the meeting would be opened promptly at 8:00 o'clock (even if only he and the Secretary were there), he meant it — all but five minutes. The meeting opened at 8:05 P. M., all business transacted by 9:10 P. M. and the remainder of the evening devoted to entertainment and small groups scattered all the way from the bar into the meeting room. More power to our President (but not as much as some Presidents have).

BILL SAVAGE (not quite as wild as his name sounds) has been appointed Chairman of the Providence Convention Committee. He, together with his cohorts BUCK O'BRIEN, MILTON MAXIM and BILL GORDON were admonished to speed up the reservations and even when your correspondent left the meeting, Bill, Buck and Milt and Bill were busily engaged signing papers. We hope, and expect to have, a very good delegation from New York.

HARRY A. BURT, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported five new members and several more who promised to sign up soon. He stated the drive for new members is progressing very nicely and the five who were there tonight was a result of the campaign.

OTIS CULVER, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee gave a short talk (one of the many he made during the evening), apropos of what the Committee intends to do during the coming year. However, he did wish to impress upon the minds of the members, that they could assist the Committee very much — if they would. First of all, OTIS announced the first Annual Ladies' Night — it will be an entertainment and dance, free lunch, plenty of laughs and a real good time, all for the price of $1.00. The entertainment will start at 8:30 P. M. and will be held at the Palm Gardens, 306 West 52nd St., New York, with everybody invited to have a jolly good time. Strictly informal and anyone coming in with "Tails" will be thrown out.

He also stated that for tonight's entertainment he had been fortunate in getting some exceptionally fine entertainment. He then introduced K-7 — a man who has been in the Intelligence Service for a number of years and has an impressive reputation. K-7 is very well

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known. He talked to the members for about fifteen or twenty minutes, describing some of his experiences during the war — as usual, some of them funny today but at the time they happened were anything but humorous. He brought with him a number of slides and a machine for throwing the pictures on the screen. They were pictures he had actually taken himself of the Red Purge or Massacre which happened at the time of the Red Uprising. K-7 explained each picture in detail — some of them very gruesome and others which left a deep impression, gave a very good idea of the events which transpired at that time. We shall look forward to having him with us again in the near future on some different topic.

JULIUS FEDEL would like to know who the /x&3# fellow was that took his newly purchased Knox hat during the February meeting. Whoever took it by mistake (the customer is always right) left a two-year-old hat that came down over JULE's eyes. We know that AL HERMAN did not take it, but don't ask us how we know.

Miss Old Gold and Mr. T. C. Whiteman from the Old Gold Company passed out free packages of cigarettes just prior to the entertainment and we must thank BOB DICKSON for getting the Old Gold Company to send them over to the meeting.

OTIS CULVER promises good entertainment at each meeting — but he will not advertise it before-hand. If you want to find out what it is, come to the meeting. You may be assured of one thing — and that is that it will be something good.

Hope to see you all at the shindig on April 26th. You will have a grand time. The meeting closed at 10:30 which brought forth voices of approval, especially from the commuters. President Nelson plans on having every meeting close not later than 11:00 P. M.

— "WHIT."

WASHINGTON

The Annual Banquet and installation of officers of Washington Chapter will be held on April 21. More about this later.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

This year's Convention of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association in Waltham on September 9, 10 and 11 is already shaping up as one which will go down in history as beating anything of its kind that has happened before. An able committee, with LEO STANKARD as Chairman; LEO LANDRY, Secretary; JAMES W. MCQUISTON, Treas.; and JIM SHEERAN, General assistant is already functioning smoothly, and advance notices are going out. Mayor ARTHUR HANSEN of Waltham was a major in command of a battalion of the old 101st, and has been named honorary chairman of the reunion committee.

ED "Knocko" MCCORMACK, President of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association states that a headquarters room for the 101st Infantry has been reserved in Providence for the YD Convention.

103rd INFANTRY

A banquet and snappy show will be held during the Providence Convention by the 103rd Infantry at the Port Arthur Restaurant, on Saturday evening, May 21. The price will be very reasonable and the exact time of the dinner will be stated at the registration desks in the Biltmore Hotel. We want every 103rd man in Providence on hand.

The man in charge is DAVID A. GOLDBERG (G Co.) assisted by EDWARD AYOTTE, both of whom live in Providence. Dave's address is U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, 305 Old Post Office Building, Providence; and he will be pleased to help anyone going to him or writing to him for information. Please drop him a line and tell him you plan to attend. Later details will be furnished at registration headquarters. Let's make this a Convention high light.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

It looks like the biggest Annual Reunion of the 104th since the war, at Springfield on April 22, 23 and 24. Too early here to give a report of it, and too late to bally-hoo it. But it's going to be a wow all right.

101ST FIELD ARTILLERY

Last month I asked members of the Regiment to send in their addresses. Thanks; I received one reply — from OLIVER H. LEE who is now at the Veterans Hospital at Togus. LEE served with Btry. D and wishes to be remembered to the Fourth Section.

Have had a few requests for addresses from YD Clubs in St. Louis and Detroit and have sent the information requested along.

Here are the names of some members of the Regiment whose addresses I would like to get: Btry. A — ALBION C. FOWLER. Btry. B — MARTIN V. B. COLBY, JOSEPH CHEECK, PATRICK CULLEN, THOMAS J. MCEWAN, PHILIP C. MOREY, EDWARD P. RYAN. Btry. C — ALFRED SALT. Btry. D — EDWARD T. SHORTELL. Btry. E — WILLIAM H. ACHORN, ALFRED N. FRAZTER, CHARLES H. MORLEY, SYLVESTER F. MORRISON. Medical — RUSSELL LOGAN. Hdq. — OSCAR N. BENOIT, LEWIS E. CONNOLLY, WILLIAM E. EMORY, EDWARD W. ROBERTSON, RALPH E. SENFORD. Supply — WILLIAM W. MOFFETT, THOMAS J. MULKERN, RAYMOND D. STONE, HAROLD E. WHELAN.

— BENJAMIN JAMES,
Secretary.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

The Annual Get-Together of the men of the regiment, sponsored by the ladies of the 101st Engineer Welfare Association is being held this year on Saturday, April 9, at the Cadet Armory as always. This issue is being "put to bed" on April 5, so it is impossible to report this event here.

B COMPANY

B Company held its Reunion at the First Corps Cadet Armory on Saturday, March 19, with about forty of the old-timers present.

The officers for the ensuing year are RAY BENNETT, President; JAMES KEDIAN, Vice President; "Put" GILMAN, Vice President in Maine; LAWRENCE ROOK, Vice President in Rhode Island; and AUSTIN MURRAY, Vice President in New Hampshire. JOHN H. GOOD was made Treasurer of this august Association, without surety on his bond, and Ye Scribe was re-elected Secretary after much protest.

On a bat from Portland, Maine, of one month's standing, came "Texas" HARNISH, who showed up in the shadow of (or as a gunman for) "Mel" HARLOW.

Dr. Arthur H. Norton, the Y.M.C.A. Secretary at Hammonville, is very ill and has had to resign as President of Keuka College. He would like to hear from some of you fellows and may be reached at Keuka Park, New York.

A. K. SHAW has written a letter from Albuquerque. He is running an educational camp for girls at Capitan, New Mexico. He didn't forget the fellows by any means and sent in a contribution for smokes, etc.

"Kimmy" arrived and was greeted by loud and sincere cheers.

ARTHUR DESMOND was missed this year and a toast was drunk to his rapid recovery from an attack of infantile paralysis. He is now in the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington and would like to hear from some of you "boys and gals."

Both Hanlons, as you know, were on deck. WES HAWKS, after much urging, gave us a sample of the "Big Apple." HY LANDON, as you know, was present and looks healthier than ever.

As we couldn't afford to hire a pianist to accompany the accordion player, ED MAGUIRE, the sage of Lexington, filled in handsomely. JOHN MUNDIE as usual was full of pep and optimism. Old "Pop" MURRAY is still running the East Boston tunnel at a profit.

"Curly" NORRIS was on hand and must be making money in the construction business, as he looked very prosperous.

Many others were there and enjoyed a swell gab-fest. It was voted to have these annual meetings at least quarterly. This entails altogether too much for your Secretary and his Secretary, so the most we can do is promise two reunions a year, one in the summer and one in the winter.

— "THE DRONE."

E COMPANY

Interestingly enough, this issue of YANKEE DOINGS is Volume XIX, Number 3; and the current issue of "E Co. Echoes" is also Volume XIX, Number 3. Two old timers in the world of veteran publications. Perhaps some readers do not know "E Co. Echoes," that smartly tailored little bulletin which has been put out by RALPH EASTMAN for lo, these many years, sometimes monthly, sometimes bi-monthly; but never forsaken or allowed to languish. A pure labor of love. No subscription rates — no dues; it has gone on and on and on by the voluntary subscriptions of the men of the company who think too much of its cheery slogan "Born of Memories — Fostered by Friendship — Dedicated to the Days of Shovelry" to ever let it die. Bravo, and a snappy "high-ball" to our contemporary.

Much of the current issue is given over to an account of the funeral of BILL BUXTON, who, with Cap'n. EDDIE BRUSH, both now passed to the other side, were loved by men of E Co. as no two other men were ever loved. (Notice of Bill's death and funeral has been published in YANKEE DOINGS.)

Since nearly all E Company men receive the little sheet anyhow, DOINGS seldom quotes from it in full. But one article in this issue is of general YD interest — about one of our fellows who has "made the grade." We quote:

One night recently, being sold on going to the movies by our offspring, we felt it was worth while when we saw in the introduction to "The Hurricane" that it was adapted to the screen by none other than OLIVER H. P. GARRETT — our "Doc." Which reminds us that since the last issue of "Echoes" we have made contact with this famous gent. He talks Hungarian and everything! We've had contact by mail and telephone but haven't seen him yet, though we had hoped to while in New York a couple of weeks ago. He reported that the hirsute adornment of his head (those weren't exactly his words) was notably by its absence but that otherwise he hadn't changed much. We've seen his picture in clippings sent us once in a while and noticed he always wore a "berry" (beret) but thought that might be the French influence. Now we apparently know the answer. In his letter he said he had wandered from California to Budapest, to Mexico and back to New York. He was sorry to learn about BILL BUXTON and I'll quote part of what he said which seems to reflect the feelings of a lot of us: "It is impossible for me to forget BILL as he was during the War, utterly poised and assured, as if quite certain that we were all involved in a Holy Crusade." You may have a story there, Doc.

F COMPANY

Met and had a short chat with BOB CAMERON at the Lowell YD Club dinner on March 3.

See that HENRY PUKALLUS has been elected Senior Vice President of the Willimantic Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Also, under TAPS will be found the news that poor old JOHN OKERSTEIN has gone West. Remember OKERSTEIN? The man who never could learn, never tried to learn, what it was all about. The man who had the army buffaloed, who wouldn't drill, wouldn't march except at a crawl at the rear of the column, wouldn't duck when shells came over but would lean on his shovel and watch them; wouldn't talk, was never known to have an articulate opinion on anything. Queer bird, JOHN. Well, he's gone on, and despite his peculiarities he was in as much danger as the rest of us and we never heard him kick about it. A soldier's peace to you, old man.

Anybody have any idea what ever became of MORGENSTEIN?

JIM MCQUADE has been re-elected to a second term as Secretary of New Bedford Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

WIN LLOYD was in the Club not long ago, after a check-up at the Naval Hospital. His pump is not working so hot, and we all wish a real recovery for him.

Which reminds us that LAWRENCE COTIE dropped in one day too. And there's a sick man, fellows, if we ever saw one. Looks like he'll have to take things easy for a long, long time; no exertion no exercise.

About the only F Company fellas your reporter sees at all frequently are LEA REDFIELD, BOB KOWALL, DOUG MACPHERSON, and ED SAULNIER. Hope to see a big bunch at Providence. And how about an E - F Company dinner there?

— P. N. S.

DUES ARE DUE!

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Colonel CHARLES C. STANCHFIELD, formerly Captain of B Company, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, died suddenly at his home 30 Winthrop Street, Chelsea, Mass., on Saturday night, March 5. Col. STANCHFIELD was born in Milo, Maine on June 2, 1871, and became a resident of Chelsea in 1891, living in that city the remainder of his life, forty-seven years. In civilian life, he had been variously employed, by the Lynn and Boston Street Railway, the Revere Rubber Co., the U. S. Navy Yard; was in business with Frank Heath, and later with the Fred A. Cheney Co.

His military career commenced with enlistment as a private in H Co., 1st Mass. Infantry on November 7, 1892. In 1905 he became identified with Troop D, 1st Mass. Squadron of Cavalry, rising through the non-commissioned ranks and receiving his commission as Second Lieutenant on May 22, 1913. He went to the Mexican Border as a First Lieutenant. Returning home, he was promoted to Captain and given command of Troop D, which later became B Co., 102nd M.G. Battalion. He was at one time machine gun operations officer of the 26th Division and later instructor at Camp Hancock, Ga. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. His record as an expert rifleman was practically without equal in the United States.

After the war he accepted appointment as chief ordnance officer, M.N.G., from which position he retired a few years ago. He was the second Commander of Chelsea Post, The American Legion.

At the military funeral services held in the First Congregational Church in Chelsea on March 8, the entire staff of the Mass. National Guard joined with hundreds of military comrades and civilian friends and admirers to pay tribute to a well-beloved soldier and gentleman.

The pall bearers were six members of the YD Club of Boston of which Col. STANCHFIELD had been a member since its organization.

JOHN J. CHAISSON, formerly of D Co., 101st Infantry, died in Roxbury, Mass on March 24. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church at 8:45 A. M. on Saturday, March 26, attended by many former comrades of D Company, and from the James F. Mahoney Post, V.F.W. Mr. CHAISSON was a member of the YD Club of Boston in 1928, '29, '30 and '31.

ALBERT C. SMITH, formerly of E Co., 101st Ammunition Train, died on March 17 after a ten weeks' illness following an operation for appendicitis. The place of death was not stated in the letter to YANKEE DOINGS, which came from Burlington, Vt.

JAMES A. MCGONIGLE, formerly of H Co., 101st Infantry, died in North Cambridge, Mass. on March 7. Solemn high mass was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, March 10, with a delegation of former comrades in attendance. The deceased, a former resident of Roxbury, was a former member of the Boston Fire Department, Ladder 12.

WILLIAM COLLINS, formerly of the 26th Military Police Company, died at North Billerica, Mass., on Monday, March 28. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 31.

ALLEN JONES, formerly of Hq. Co., 103rd Infantry, and a member of Lynn Chapter, Y.D. V.A., died at the Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital on Saturday, March 19. Funeral services in Lynn were attended by a large group from the Lynn Chapter.

MARTIN J. MEEHAN, known affectionately as "Pinky" by former members of Co. C, 102nd Infantry, passed on at his home in Syracuse, N. Y., on March 7th, following an abdominal operation. He was 43.

"Pinky" was assistant casualty insurance manager for the Travelers Insurance Co. at Syracuse for several years prior to his death. Before that he was with the Travelers in Detroit, Mich., and Atlanta, Ga. His last appearance at his old stamping grounds in New Haven was at the National YDVA Convention a few years ago.

Meehan was decorated by France and Belgium for bravery in action, and also possessed the Purple Heart and Silver Star. A natural comedian and a splendid singer he was known as the "morale squad" of Company C. "Pinky" could always be depended upon to pep things up when spirits were low. This writer vividly recalls "Pinky" carrying to the rear under fire at Seicheprey, his wounded lieutenant, BERT JOHNSON. MEEHAN enlisted in Co. C, of the old 2nd Conn. Infantry on June 28, 1916, and

served with that outfit on the Border. It is said that "Pinky" drank several gallons of water and ate dozens of bananas to pass the physical exams when the outfit was mustered into service in the World War. He leaves a wife and four children. [L. J. M.]

WALTER J. TRUDEAU, formerly a sergeant in G Co., 101st Ammunition Train, died Sunday, March 27, in Montpelier, Vt. JOE ABAIR, who informs DOINGS of TRUDEAU's death, says: "He helped us with our last dance and said at the time he had not been well for some time. About two weeks ago they took him to the hospital with angina pectoris. The poor fellow had been up against it for the past few years. At our March meeting we voted to present him with a YD beret. Am enclosing his letter of thanks. Be sure to return it to me." Your editor has returned the letter, but not without reading it with a stab of something it is hard to describe. The lad's thanks for the beret; his ringing loyalty to the old YD as he lay practically on his death-bed makes us pause in the midst of a busy day — to muse and to dream — what a beautiful thing this comradeship is.

The members of Worcester Chapter and of the Department of Massachusetts unite in expressing their deepest sympathy to State President CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, in the loss of his father, early in March.

JOHN OKERSTEIN, formerly of F Co., 101st Engineers. Notice of death received by the YD Club of Chicago from his sister, Mrs. Ruth Albrecht, 4217 North Wolcott Ave., Chicago. Burial was at Woodstock, Ill., and Chicago Chapter reports that although the distance was too great for a delegation to attend, a wreath was sent, although OKERSTEIN was not a member of the Club.

SIGURD BJURDSTROM, formerly of M. Co., 104th Infantry, of Cleveland, Ohio, died March 6, 1938.

NATHAN D. ZUILL, formerly of A Co., 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, of Pawtucket, R. I., died January 23, 1938.

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